CHURCH ARCHIVES

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Woodruff, Wilford, 1807-1898

Journals and papers, 1828-1898

Collection contains journals, correspondence, and other papers. Includes information about Joseph Smith; development of the Church in Kirtland, Ohio; Missouri; and Nauvoo, Illinois; temple work; Kirtland, Nauvoo, Salt Lake, St. George, Logan, and Manti Temples; missionary work; Zion's Camp; the Mormon Battalion and Mormon involvement in California; overland travel and English

immigration; interactions with Indians; colonization of Utah and surrounding states; Utah and national politics; Utah statehood attempts; the Reformation; Utah War; Mountain Meadows Massacre; social, agricultural, and civic matters in Utah; Mormon historiography; plural marriage and the Underground; and Woodruff's personal financial and family affairs.

Early journals focus on Woodruff's missionary travels in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky (with Warren Parrish and David W. Patten), New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, and England; events in Kirtland, Nauvoo, and Winter Quarters; and westward movement. Subsequent journals focus on events in Utah, and Woodruff's activities in the Council of the Twelve and as Church president; and include information about cooperative movements, united orders, the School of the Prophets, Church businesses, and Church colonies in Canada and Mexico. Of note are Woodruff's journal accounts of sermons given by Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and other Church leaders. Woodruff's death and funeral services were recorded by his secretary, L. John Nuttall.

Correspondence includes letters received during Woodruff's presidencies of the British Mission (1845-1847) and the

Eastern States Mission (1848-1850), and as assistant Church historian beginning in 1856. Among those with whom Woodruff corresponded were Brigham Young, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Orson Hyde, Erastus Snow, Amasa M. Lyman, Franklin D. Richards, Ezra T. Benson, George Q. Cannon, Jedediah M. Grant, Thomas L. Kane, John M. Bernhisel, Almon W. Babbitt, W. W. Phelps, Hiram Kimball, Samuel Brannan, Alexander Badlam, Orson Spencer, Dan Jones, Reuben Hedlock, Elisha H. Davis, J. W. Cummings, Eli B. Kelsey, Willard Snow, William I. Appleby, James A. Stratton, Nathaniel H. Felt, Elijah Fordham, Milo Andrus, Horace S. Eldredge, Leonard W. Hardy, Abraham O. Smoot, Philo Dibble, William Clayton, David Candland, James Ferguson, Hiram B. Clawson, Joseph Russell, John Benbow, James M. Monroe, George P. Dykes, Edward Partridge Jr., Lucius N. Scovil, Phillip M. Westwood, Chandler Holbrook, and Alden M. Jackson.

Letters of note are from John Whitmer in Kirtland, Ohio; two letters from Thomas B. Marsh in Far West, Missouri, one of which is notice of Woodruff's call as an apostle; and letter from Orson Hyde in Kanesville, Iowa, about Oliver Cowdery.

Wilford Woodruff was born 1 March 1807 in Farmington, Connecticut, to Aphek and Beulah Thompson Woodruff. He was baptized on 31 December 1833, married Phebe (Phoebe) W. Carter in 1837, and became a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1839. He traveled widely in America and Great Britain as a missionary; served in political, civic and business positions in Utah; and was intimately involved in historical endeavors, serving as both assistant Church historian and Church historian. He succeeded John Taylor as Church president in 1887. Woodruff died in San Francisco, California, 2 September 1898.

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VOL. 1.

I confirmed 35. established 4 Preaching Places. Planted 3 churches
IN 1835. I travled 3244 miles. Baptized 43 persons. Held 170. meetings. procured 20 subscribers for the Latter Day Saints, Messenger & Advocate and 2 for the reprinted Star. Also 70 Signers to the Petition to the Governor of Missouri for redress of wrongs done the Church by the Jackson County mob. Wrote 14 letters. Ordained 2 teachers and 1 deacon. Held 3 debates. AND had 3 mobs rise against ME.

IN 1834 I travled 1234 miles

IN 1836 I travled 6557 miles. Held 153 meetings. Attended 4 conferences, and held 4 debates. Baptized 27 Persons. Ordained 2 Elders 3 Priest 1 Teacher and 2 Deacons. Blest 19 children. and healed 4 Persons by the laying on of hands in the name of JESUS Christ. Procured 22 subscribers for the M^ss Ad, and $70. dollars for the same. Also procured $91 dollars for building the house of the LORD in Kirtland. Wrote 34 Letters and received 7 letters. and had 3 mobs rise against me.

Confirmed 27. established 2 Preaching places planted 2 Churches

In 1837. I attended the solemn assembly, I met 20 times with the quorum of the seventies. I traveled in Upper Canada & in six of the United States also visited three Islands of the sea making a distance in all of 2350 miles. I held 104 meetings I Baptized 2 persons. 3. were Sea Captains & 3 relatives I was a partner in Baptizing 9 others I attended 2 Conferences & Jointly Ordained 9 Elders 9 Priest 11 Teachers and 6 Deacons. I procured 23 subscribers for the Elders Journal and sold 4 Books of Mormon. There was 5 cases of healing under my hands. I Blessed 2 children. I wrote 30 Letters & received 13. Confirmed 30. Planted 3 Churches

March 1st 1807

PREFACE

My parents were born and bred in the town of Farmington Hartford County Connecticut
My father Aphek Woodruff was the son of Eldad Woodruff My mother Beulah Thompson
was the daughter of Lot Thompson all of Farmington Conn. The occupation of my father was
a miller from his youth. I was born in the North part of the town of Farmington (now called
Avon) Hartford County Connecticut on the 1st of March AD 1807. I was the third son of my
father and the last born of my mother who Died June 11th 1808. My father married Azubah Hart
for his second wife Nov 9th 1810. I followed the occupation of my father viz. a miller untill the Spring of 1832
at which time I moved to the town of Richland Oswego County NY. and purchased a farm in Company
with my eldest brother Azmon Woodruff and we resided together untill the Spring of 1834. I was early
taught by my step mother and other friends, also by the word & Spirit of God that the Church of Christ was
in the wilderness that there had been a falling away from pure & undefiled religion before God and that
a great change was at hand. At the age of 23 I resolved by the grace of God assisting me to be led by the
word & spirit of God into that truth that maketh free thereby. On hearing the fulness of the everlasting
gospel proclaimed by the Latter Day Saints I immediately embraced its truths with a glad heart and
after being baptized and receieveing the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost by

Jan 2nd 1834

Elder Zerah Pulsipher I was ordained a Teacher under his hands on the 2nd of Jan 1834. in Richland Oswego Co N.Y. On the 5th of Nov 1834. I was ordained a Priest under the hands of Elder Simeon Carter by the direction of the High Council in Clay County Missouri. On the 24th of June 1835 I was ordained an Elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints under the hands of Elder Warren Parrish at Eagle Creek Benton County Tennessee: and in the same house on the 31st day of May 1836 I was ordained unto the High Priesthood and as a member of the Second Seventy under the hands of Elders David W. Patten & Warren Parrish, this by the direction of the Presidency of the Church in Kirtland Ohio. On the 3rd of Jan 1837. I was ordained a member of the quorum of the first Seventy Elders as special witnesses to all nations under the hands of President Zebedee Coltrin. in the house of the LORD in Kirtland Ohio. The above ordinations were by the Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation. On the 4th of April 1837. I received the ordinance of washing under the hands of President Joseph Young: and the ordinance of anointing under the hands of President Zebedee Coltrin in the house of the Lord in Kirtland. On the 6th of April I received the ordinance of the washing of feet under the hands of Elder Heber Kimball during the Solemn assembly in the house of the Lord On the 13th of April 1837. I was Joined in the bonds of matrimony to Phebe W Carter born in Scarborough Cumberland County Maine the 4th of March 1809. The ceremony was Solemnized by President Frederick G. Williams in the house of President Joseph Smith Jr in Kirtland Ohio we were blessed by the Patriarch Joseph Smith sen. On the 15th of April I received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Joseph Smith sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Phebe W Carter received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Joseph Smith sen on the 10th of Nov A D 1836. These Blessings are recorded in the Latter Day Saints Church Records also in the 1st VOL of willford Woodruff's JOURNAL. On the 26th day of April 1839 on the corner stone of the house of the Lord at far west Missouri I was ordained under the hands of the Twelve to take the Bishoppric and Apostleship of one of the Twelve that had fallen & to become one of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles & special witnesses to All nations both gentile & Jew.

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Jan 1st 1838

JAN 1st 1838. I Willford am now standing upon one of the Islands of the Sea in defence of the truth and for the word of GOD and the testimony of JESUS CHRIST. I am in North America North Lat 44. West Longth 46 South Fox Islands Vinalhaven Maine. I am labouring in the ministry alone at this time, I am blessed, however, with the Company of Mrs Phebe W Woodruff my Companion & friend: O may the LORD blesses in all righteousness. O may the God of Abram Isaac & Jacob stand by me and give me many souls as seals of my ministry during this year: May HE enable me to go and come at his bidding & keep his commandments in all things. I have been declairing the word of God faithfully through these Islands for many days and the spirit of GOD is like fire, in a dry stubble among the people. Prejudice is rolling away like a torrent & GOD is manifesting his work in mighty power. I spent this NEW YEARS DAY in the following manner. I visited the Saints & neighbours & found the Solemnities of Eternity resting upon the people some crying what shall I do to be Saved I met a Congregation at Capt Charles Brown at 2 PM. I led three persons down into the Sea and Baptized them which were two Sea Captains and one lady viz CAPT Charles Brown, CAPT Jesse Coombs & his wife we had an interesting time in the Confermation. After meeting in company with Mrs Woodruff I rode in a wherry by watter to Brother Thomas Arey's 2d & spent the evening with a number of the Saints in reading, Singing, and Prayer. Distance of the day 7 miles

2nd Rode by water with Mrs Woodruff to Capt Benjamin Coombs, spent the day at his house I receieved a present from the Saints of $10. I spent the night at Mr Coombs

3rd I spent the day at Capt Coombs in writing my Journals. I also wrote a Letter to Elder Don C Smith in Kirtland. I sent him five Subscribers for the Elders Journal viz Abram Carver. Thomas Arey 1st Thomas Arey 2d. Ebenezar Arey. Jabez Myrick. & I enclosed in the letter $ 15 dollars to be divided in the following manner $1. credited to each of the above Subscribers $1. to John M Sellers & the other $9 dollars to Pay my Doc Bill to William Marks in the hands of W A. Cowdery

I also wrote a Letter to Elder Milton Holmes Jan 4th 1838 Spent the night at Capt B Coombs
Jan 4. I wrote a Letter to Aphek Woodruff in farmington Conn
5. I wrote a Letter to Asahel Woodruff. I rode in a Wherry across the Bay in company with Mrs Woodruff & spent the night with Mr Thomas Arey I wrote a letter to Aphia Woodman
6. I returned in the wherry to Capt Coombs & received two letters one from A H Woodruff & the other from Sarah B Foss. I wrote a letter to Elder A O Smoot. Spent the night at Capt Coombs
X 7. Sunday I walked to the Schoolhouse NO.3. and Preached to a large Congregation. I attended a Prayer meeting at night at Brother Charles Brown's & Spent the night with Br Jesse Coombs distance 5 mi
8. I sent five letters to South Vinalhaven Post Office by Br Jesse Coombs spent the night with Br Burgess 2
9. I walked to Mr John Smith's & Spent the night at his house I wrote a letter to Br Justus Ames 2.
10. I walked to Mr Joseph Sylvesters & spent the night at his house distance 1 mile
12 I Preached at Mr Anthony Coombs & spent the night at his house Spent the 11th day at David Smiths
X 13 I walked to Br Burgess, to Br Brown's to Mr John Smiths from thence to Joseph Sylvesters & crossed To the North Island to visit the Saints & also an Elder of the Church of Latter Day Saints who had come to labour with me in the ministry by the name of JOSEPH BALL I visited Br Sterrett walked from thence to Brother J Ames. I there found Elder Ball I had a plesent interview with him. He had Baptized Six Persons Viz. Malatire Luce Ruth Luce, Stephen Luce Esq Nathaniel Thomas Susan Thomas & Nancy Kent I spent the night at Br Ames distance of the day 12 miles
14 Sunday I held a meeting in company with Elder Ball at Br Ames. we had an interesting time in commuing with the saints. After meeting we walked to Br Stephen Luce from thence to Mr Ephraim Luce we Prayed with his sick child, from thence to Maltire Luce and spent the night 4 miles
15 I walked to Br Starrett's I wrote a letter & [illegible] we held a meeting at Br Starrett's Elder Ball took the leed of the meeting, and while he was speaking to our edification a Canon or Swivvle was discharged near the house on the Sea shore and was soon followed by the discharge of Small arms he soon closed

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Jan 16th 1838

and I arose the spirit of God rested upon me I declared the word of God to the people in great plainness my words were at times mixed with the report of musketry that were echoing outside of of the house. I was plain in declairing to the people the judgments of God I shook my garments in the presens of the people & informed them that I was clear of their Blood, I asked if any wished to receieve the Gospel & two arose to Be Baptized we closed the meeting after the evening had borne its report to heaven we blessed three children of Br Starretts and spent the night with him 4 miles

16 We met a company upon the beach near Br Starretts to administer in the ordinance of Baptism after singing a hymn I led a man down into the water and Baptized him & as on the night before so on this occasion our ears were saluted with the report of fire arms O when will the earth rest from wickedness and pollution men learn righteousness & satan know the length of his chain. We walked to the east school house to hold a meeting Elder Ball arose & opened the meeting & commenced preaching a mob of the baser sort soon appeared & began to disturb the meeting by walking across the house & talking, whistleing, singing, daneing, &c I followed Br Ball and closed amid much confusion we walked to Mr David Mc Mellen's & spent the night distance 3 miles

17 We walked to Br M Luces & to Br Ames we learned that Notices were posted up in noted places warning us to leave the town but we concluded it best to obey GOD rather than man so we continued in our Masters business. walked to Br Nathaniel Thomases & held an interesting prayer meeting two offered themselves for Baptism. We receieved the 2nd No of the Elders Journal it did our souls good. I conversed untill 2 oclock with Br & Sister Thomas distance 5 miles

18 Walked to Br Malatire Luce Elder Ball Baptized three persons, & we held a prayer Meeting at night 3

19 Walked to Br Justus Ames & to John Kents crossed the Thoroughfare walked to Br Isaac Crocketts & held a meeting at his house I arose to speak & the power of God rested upon me I Prophesied of the judgments of God & spoke in tongues & interpeted the same Elder Ball spoke to us in the spirit of God. two offered themselves for Baptism we spent the night at Mr Crocketts distance 4 miles

Jan 20th 1838

20 Early in the morning I Baptized two persons viz Capt Isaac Crocket & William Merchant. we then walked to Mr John Smith's where I again met Mrs Woodruff we spent the night at Mr Smiths Distance 4m
21 Sunday met a large congregation in No 2 for a meeting Elder Ball addressed the people I followed him [illegible] we held a prayer meeting at Br Charles Brown's I spent [illegible] 2m
22 I visited Br Thomas Arey 2d he had broken his leg yet he was resigned to his affliction after praying with him we walked to Capt Benjamin Coombs & spent the day in writing 3 miles
23 Walked to Mr Joshua Calderwood & spent the day 1 mile
24 Walked to Br Thomas Arey's 2d Preached at night at Mr J Calderwood 4 miles
25 Spent the day in visiting the saints and attended a prayer meeting at Br Sellers 3 miles
26 I accompanied Elder Ball & Br C Brown on to green Island bar & we dug a quantity of clams which we made in to a Clam Chowder & it was a delicious feast. We spent the night at Mr Ebenezer Arey's 3m
27 Walked to Capt Benjn Coombs & spent the day in writing I wrote a letter to Father Ezra Carter
28 Preached on Sunday in No 2. Schoolhouse & returned to Capt Benjn Coombs & spent the night 3 miles
29 Walked to Mr John Smith from thence to Joseph Sylvesters with Mrs woodruff from thence in company with Elder Ball to Br William Merchant's & we found him, his wife & Sister Crocket in a perilous Situation. there hath a lying spirit gone out into the world & it hath entered into the Priest of Baal as well as the multitude & Mr Douglass the Methodist Priest had visited the three mentioned persons & reported that I utterly denied the Bible & said it could not be depended upon, this with many other fals reports set them against me in spirit but after teaching them Concerning the evil spirits &c we had prayers Brs Valentine Ames & I Crocket were with us we had a good time Brother & Sister Merchant & Sister Crocket became more calm & began to be delivered from the devil. Spent the night at Br Merchant's distance 10 miles
30 walked to widow Hopkins & Spent the night we Preached to several strangers 3 miles
31 Walked to Br Crocket's I had a serious interview with Mr Douglass he stated things that were utterly fals he rejected our testimony in every respect & is striving to overthrow the saints Preached at Br Crockets 3 miles

Feb 1st

Feb 1st 1838

I repaired in company with Elder Ball to a Stream of water we their Clensed our feet with pure water and bore testimony unto God through Jesus Christ against Mr Douglass the Methodest Priest for rejecteds our testimony & offending our little ones this is the third witness borne to heaven against that man O God reward him according to thy Mercy, Judgement, Justice, & Truth: We Call upon Br & Sister Merchant & found them possessing a good Spirit walked to Capt Watson Hopkins & Preached [illegible] at his house, although many entertained fears that we should be mob'd we had a good time & still meeting spent the night at his house distance of the day 3 miles we saw a sign in the heavens it had the appearence of a full Moon about ten feet under the Sun

2. Left Capt Hophins & as we walked by the Schoolhouse NO 5th the Children came out and hooted & mocked at us as they did at Elisha when they said go up thou bald head. As with the Parent so with the child. We walked to Joseph Sylvester's I here found Mrs woodruff we spent the night 5 miles

3. walked to Br Burgess & spent the night 2 miles

4 Sunday I met with the Saints at Br Charles Brown & broke bread unto them this is the first time I have Communed with the Saints on South Vinalhaven we had a good time. We walked to Joseph Sylvesters and spent the night. I blesed their son by the name of Wilford W Sylvester 5m 5 Mrs woodruff & myself in Company with Elder Ball, Sylvester & David Smith took a whirry, to goto North Island we started at Seal Bay & landed at Deacon James Thomas on North Island we dined at Mr Thomas I had an interview with Mr Thomas Ery we walked to Br Justus Ames found the Saints strong in the faith. I received a vary interesting letter from Elder J H Hale it contained interesting news from kirtland & Zion Spent the night at Br Ames distance 4 mile

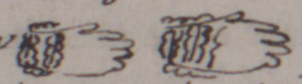
6 spent the day at Br Ames in writing I wrote a letter to Elder J H Hale & Don C Smith I sent him one subscriber for the Journal Sarah Glover & 2. dollars. 1. for Sarah Glover & 1. for Anthony Coombs I appointed two conferences in the letter I walked to Perez Babbage Esq & spent the evening. Held a meeting at Br Ames

Feb 7th 1838

Feb 7th spent the day at Br Ames in writing
8 Spent the day in visiting friends and held a prayer meeting at Br Sterrett's returned to Br Ames Jm
9 I Wrote a letter to Sister Rhoda Seamman and sent her $5. dollars Spent the night at Br Ames
10 I spent the day at Brother Ames in writing
11 Sunday walked to Br M Luce and Preached at his house then returned to Br Ames & held a prayer meeting
12 I Spent the day at Br Ames
13 We walked to Mr Kents crossed the thoroughfare we had a tedious walk to Mr James Crockets in consequence of our assisting a man in carrying his trunks for 2½ miles through the snow after his neighbours had left him alone in trouble like the man that fell among thieves: when we reached the Mail boat we were quite exhausted. We crossed the bay to Camden, & then walked to Br Ebenezer Ames 20miles
14. we spent the day at Br Ames
15. We walked to the Simonton district and had a happy interview with Br James Townsend direct from the Saco Church our harts were made glad. We preached in the schoolhouse I spent the night with Mr Brown 3miles
16th I left the Simonton district in company with Elder Ball & J. Townsend, we repaired to a grove and held a Council and the Holy Ghost said seperate unto me James to the ministry &c we ordained Brother James Townsend unto the office of an Elder we had a good time & the spirit of God rested upon us although we were alone in a grove surrounded by a snow storm: we then walked to Br Ames we had an interesting time in the evening in speaking our feelings to each other distance of the day 3miles
17 I took the parting hand with Elder Ball as he was about to return to the Island, and then started in company with Elder J. Townsend for Searsmont the roads were drifted with snow & the people were fearful we could not get through, but we went forward in the Lord the winds were high & the air was filled with snow, we broke the roads for 7miles 3 of it was across a pond we arived at Searsmont at 2 o'clock PM & spent the night at Mr Moses Richards & was kindly entertained by him 7miles
18 Sunday the wether more plesent I Preached on the Book of Mormon we dined at Levi Gray's Elder Townsend and myself had an interesting time in secret Prayer in a snow bank I Preached again upon the gospel the Spirit of God rested me we spent the night at Joseph Hardys 3miles

Feb 19th 1838

Feb 19th An uncommon blustering day the air is full of snow and roads blocked up we spent the day in visiting the people they appeared believing. We started to go to our appointment at the Schoolhouse and we had to wallow about a mile through the snow drifts without a road & froze one of my ears during the time. After Preaching to the people we returned to Mr Robert Baily's and spent the night & 4m 20 Elder Thownsend is 30 years of age this day. we visited Deacon Cox & other neighbours & Preached at night at Mr. Bailey's on the reign of Christ and was blessed while speaking spent the night at Mr Baileys 2m

21. Spent the day visiting friends we Preached at night in the Schoolhouse & Preached ~~at night~~ upon the parable of the vineyard by the Prophet Zenas & had an interesting time in speaking and after we closes the meeting at half past 8 o'clock & walked out of the house & cast my eyes towards the heavens & a glorious scene presented itself to our view  & light commenced in the N.E. & spread to the W. & soon rolled up over head & also in the South & it centered in the heavens & rolled forth fire blood & smoke like contending armies: the whole heavens was illuminated with blood & fire for the space of half an hour & shook like a ford upon the wing it seemed at times as though the veil was about to rend in twain or the world, it appeared as though the elements were contending with each other: We were traveling through deep snow drifts most of the time during this scenery. This is one of the signs in the heavens in the last days spoken of by the ancient as well as modern prophets. O may God hasten the day when the scenery will be wound up. spent the night & J. Kimble 2m

22. Took the parting hand with the friends in Searsmont & walked to Belfast Pop 4000 & after being rejected by eight households we were kindly received & entertained by Mr Thomas Tapply 15m

23 visited the village of Belfast & many of the principle men we procured a place for preaching & according to appointment we met several hundred Citizens in the brick Schoolhouse & preached to them on the gospel they manifested a desire to hear further upon the subject & they wished to purchase the Book of Mormon. We spent the night with Mr Tapply. During the day we repaired to to the sea shore & cleansed our feet with pure water & bore testimony against eight households before God who had rejected us or turned us from their doors the evening before 3miles

Feb 24 1838

Feb 24 we walked from Belfast to Northport and was kindly entertained at Mr Benjamin Stephens ~~[illegible]~~ I wrote two letters one to Sister Townsend & the other to Elder Milton Holmes. I preached at early candlelight in the schoolhouse at Northport upon the Book of Mormon spent the night at Mr Stephen's distance 4 miles

25 Sunday preached at the schoolhouse In the forenoon Elder Townsend Preached I followed him this was his first discours I preached again at night to a large congregation who listened with profound attention the people treated us with great respect and kindness. We spent the night with Capt Jeremiah Knowlton's 2 miles

26 left Northport in good feelings & spirit, & walked to Belfast from thence to Frankfort and was kindly received for the night by Mr Daines Tibbetts Distance of the day 20 miles

27 Elder Townsend Preached at Mr Tibbetts I followed him, I also preached in the school house at night & dealt with the people in great plainness we spent the night with Mr Tibbetts [illegible]

28 Walked to Hampden attended a protracted meeting of the Baptist We spent the night with Mr Elisha Grant who married sister Eliza Luce who had manifested her faith by her works I found her strong in the faith. 10mi

March 1st This is my birth Day I am 31 years of age, We left Hampden and walked to the City of Bangor pop 10.000 we visited Mr Haywood the City clerk & Gen Isaac Hodsdon & other Citizens & appointed a meeting in the City Hall we met according to appointment I preached upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon & left another appointment We spent the night at the Mansion House Sandfords Inn Distance of the day 4 miles

2 we spent the forepart of the day in wandering over the City of Bangor we were the first Elders of the Church of Latter Day Saints that had visited the City or lifted a warning voice to the people we were as great strangers in the citys of the Gentiles as Abram, Isaac, & Jacob, were in their day [illegible] we attended a court in the City Hall in the afternoon. we met a Congregation of Citizens at the hour of appointment I Preached upon the first principles of the gospel & and the people listened with attention We spent the night at the Merchants Exchange [illegible]

3d [illegible] We left the City of Bangor and walked to Hamden and Preached at night in the Schoolhouse at the lower corner we spent the night at Mr Elisha Grants Distance of the day 6 miles

4 Sunday Preached two discourses in the Universalist Chapel spent the night with Mr Grant [illegible]

March 5th 1838

March 5th we left Mr Grants & walked from Hampden to Buxport from thence to the Penobscot R & J Farnham 25m
6 walked to Castene & took passage on board the Twofriends with Capt Carlton we were becalmed on the way &
Capt Carlton with Brother Townsend & myself entered the smallboat in order to row to the shore distance
was 5miles after rowing about half way the wind arose & the vessel that we had left overtook us and we
again went on board of her & reached Capt Carlton's house at 9oclock PM & spent the night with him 4 35m
7 Preached in the schoolhouse & spent the night with Capt Carlton at the Isl of Holt 3miles
8th Left the Isle of Hold went on board of the Mail boat Clinton Capt Sawyer at 2oclock & reached north fox Island
at 4oclock we then walked to Brother Sterretts from thence to Br M Luce, I here had the glorious privilege
of again meeting with the Saints for prayer & Praise to God my Companion with the number after meeting
Mrs Woodruff presented five letters to me, One was from my Parents in farmington & one from Brother
Asahel H & two from Elder Milton Holmes in Mass & the last from Elder Robbins from Kirtland these
letters contained much news esspecially the one from Kirtland it informed me that trouble had come upon
them, numbers had been cut off from the church for transgression their is divisions among the people the
printing Office is burned to the ground with all its contents of Books worth about $15 or dollars, Warren Parrish
and others that had been cut off from the Church were Joining with the world to injure the influence of the
Saints Joseph & Sidney had gone to the far west with their family & the faithful are to follow them for kirtland
will be scorged. often have I herd Joseph Prophecy of these things for a year past. O God deliver the honest
in heart & faithful I pray. I spent the night with Br Luce distance of the day 14m
9 I spent the day in writing I wrote two letters one to the Bishop & Presidency in Zion & the
the other to Elder M Holmes in Mass we spent the night at father Luce
10 I wrote two Letters one to Brother Asahel H. Woodruff & the other to Sister Sarah B. Foss
11 Sunday I attended a meeting at Brother Justus Ames and a prayer meeting at night returned to M. Luce 4m
12 I met the church at Father Luce in the evening to lay before them the situation of the church in
Kirtland we had a good meeting & these things did not move the faith of the Saints they were ready to meet it
13 spent the day writing in this Journal & held a meeting at Mr Benj Stones

March 14th 1838

March 14th Walked to the post Office & returned to Father Luce's & spent the night distance of the day 1 om
15 I held a prayer meeting at Mr Ebenezar Carver's & spent the night at father Luce Distance 4 miles
16 I walked to Br Starretts & spent the night I found them in affliction I prayed with them &c Distance 3 miles
17 I spent the day in visiting friends & the night with Br M. Luce Distance 6 miles
18 Sunday I Preached at Father Luce's & also in the evening
19 walked in company with Mother Luce & Mrs woodruff to Benjamin Stone from thence to wid Veril's also to
Mr Ebenezer Carver's we spent the night at his house I receieved a letter from Sister Hale Distance 4 miles
20 walked to Mr David Mc Mullen & spent the night at his house 2 miles
21 Walked to Brother David Stones & spent the night at his house Elder J. Ball left the Island this day to return
to his friends in the City of Boston I am now left to labour again alone upon these Islands
22 We walked to Br Starrett. In the afternoon Br Starrett & myself at a low tide went on to a bar to dig some
clams Sister Stone & Mrs Woodruff came out to see us dig the clams & while we were busily engaged in this
employment the tide arose & flowed between us & the shore & we were under the necessity of wadeing across the
water ourselves & carrying the women to the shore in an arm chair, and after concluding we should not forget the
place we returned to the house with our clams. We had a Prayer meeting at night at Br Sterrets 2 miles
23 Spent the day at Mr. Benjamin Kents & the night at Br Starretts 2 miles
24 I wrote a letter to Br & Sister J. H. Hale at Kirtland. There is great excitement throughout the USA.
Concerning the death of Mr CILLEY a representative in congress from Thomaston state of Maine who was killed
in a duel on the 24 of Feb by Mr GRAVES of Kentucky also a member of the same body. Mr Cilley was
shot through the heart with a rifle on the fourth fire at the distance of eighty yards. Congress is in uproar
& finally the whole nation is in trouble the hand of God is resting upon her because of the wickedness of
the people Bloody wars & sore distress are at the doors of America & the faces will all soon gather blackness
because they have polluted this goodly land & all the judgments will soon come upon you O ye proud gentiles
that the Bible & Book of Mormon declare against you
25 Sunday Preached at Br Starrett's & had an interesting Prayer meeting at night

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March 26 Walked to Mr John Smith from thence to Br Ames & spent the night I was quite Ill the destroyer distance of the day 3
made a severe attact upon me & I had a sick night
27 I arose quite Ill & spent the day at Br Ames I walked at night to Mr John Tents & Preached at his house 3
28th [illegible] I receieved three letters two from our friends in Scarborough & one from Elder
Jonathan H. Hale from Kirtland Br Hale letter was Dated March 6th & it was a letter of great interest it contained
an account of the Saints leaveing kirtland for the land of Zion & of the judgments of God that were comeing
upon Kirtland & also upon the whole land he sent me the Counsel of the Presidency of our quorum which was to
teach the Saints upon the Islands of the sea to immediately sell their property & prepare themselves to go
to the land of Zion which is a place of safety & deliverance that they may escape the just judgments of God
that are at the doors. I also perused the late Papers of the day found that all things indicate that great trouble
is at the doors & that the Lord is nigh at hands both the signs in heaven & on earth are visible in fulfillment
of the word of God. I walked to Br Ames & spent the night was still quite unwell distance 4 miles
29 I arose quite weak my Bowel complaint continued spent the day at Br Ames was not able to attend
the meeting spent an ill night. The LORD is manifesting his work in great condeseension & mercy to the Blood
of Ephraim & honest in heart upon these Islands of the sea both by dreams & vissions, signs, healings &
wonders. One remarkable circumstance that happened on this day I will mention as follows Mr
Ebenezar Carver had been earnestly investigating the subject of the gospel as we set it forth & while desireing that
he might know the truth of it he walked to the sea shore desireing that he might have some sign and while the
word of God was for him to meditate upon that there should no sign be given but the sign of the Prophet Jonas
on a sudden their was a large fish arose on the water in the sea at a distance from him & suddenly sunk
out of sight he much desired to again see the sight immediately the fish again arose on the top of the water
accompanied with another fish of the same specie & size & one of them swam on a strait line on the top
of the water towards Mr Carver as he stood upon the beach when the fish came as near his feet as the water
would permit him the fish looked at the man with a penetrating eye as though he had a message for him he
then returned to his mate in the Ocean & swam out of sight & Mr Carver returned meditating upon this

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strange sight & sign & the wonderful condescension of the Lord. It is worthy of remark that this was at a season of the year when fish of that size is not known upon these shores or coast & they never at any season of the year are known to come ashore as in this case Mr Carver had dreams at night to confirm him that the thing was a sign to him Great & marvelous are the works of the Lord

30 I was still sick in the morning I had Prayers & was much better [illegible] I walked to Br Malatire Luce & spent the night I warned Br Luce to prepare himself & family for Zion 3miles

31 Walked to Mr Ebenezar W. Carvers found his wife confined to her bed with a fever I Prayed for her & she was healed I spent the night at his house distance of the day 3miles

April 1. Sunday I Preached to a large congregation at Mr Carvers the spirit of God rested upon me & I was strengthend in body & mind after meeting I baptized Mrs Mary Carver in the same place where the fish before spoken of came to Mr Carver. We had an interesting Prayer meeting in the afternoon many were believing the solemnities of eternity rested upon the People. I walked to Br Ames & spent the night 3miles

2 I spent the day at Br Ames in writing

3 I walked to Br Nathaniel Thomas's & returned & spent the afternoon at Mr Josiah Beverage & the night at Br Ames 3m

4 This was an interesting day to my feelings for I have labored hard for the temporal as well as spiritual salvation of the Saints upon these Islands I have faithfully exhorted them to sell their property & gather with the Saints to Zion according to the commandments of God that they may stand in Holy places while judgement works, & Brother Justus Ames has this day sold his farm & others are striving to follow his example for we see perilous times have come. I walked to Br Thomas'es with Mrs Woodruff & spent the day & returned at night 2mi

5th [redacted] The worst difficulties in the saints warfare are perils among & from fals Brethren. I walked to Mr John Kents store & Post Office & he presented me with a letter containing two sheets from Mr Warren Parrish at Kirtland Ohio Who had been an Elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints & had traveled with me in the ministry many miles, he had now made shipreck of faith was cut of from the church & he with some others in like circumstances are now making every exertion against us & the cause, & the letter alluded to was teeming with falshood against Joseph & the Church, O warren Parrish how art thou fallen thy former letters will stare thee in the face make thee blush & pierce thy soul. The letter is believed by our opposers & cause persecution to rage. I had a Prayer meeting at Br Ames 4miles

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April 6th This is the day for the annual Solemn assembly of the Saints in Zion or her stakes may God bless the Saints in every condition walked to Br Maltire Luce & spent the night 3miles

7 I walked to Mr Ephraim Luce from thence to Br Stephen Luce & after reading Singing & Prayer I Baptized two persons Mr Ephraim Luce & Margarett Crockett I confirmed them by the laying on of hands Sister Harriet Luce was healed of sickness by the laying on of hands in the Name of the Lord I then walked to Mr Ebenezer Carvers & notwithstanding the spirit of the Devil was stired up in the hearts of the people anew caused by the letters of Warren Parrish yet I preached the word of God to the people & Baptized Mrs Abigal Carver She was rising of 70 years of age & had not been to a neighbours house for six years but on this occasion she went with fortitude & boldness to the sea shore & was baptized & returned strengthened in body and mind I left them in the spirit of God & walked to Br Justus Ames & spent the night 4miles

8th Sunday I Preached at Br Ames we had an interesting Prayer meeting Also. Sister Eliza Grant was present

9 Spent the day at Br Ames ☿ ☌ ☽ ♐

10 I held a counsel with the brethren at Br Ames

11 Spent the day at Br Ames. I was privileged on this day of once more striking hands with some of my beloved Brethren from whom I had long been seperated Viz Elders Milton Holmes & James Townsend and Priest Abner Rogers they had come to attend the Conference with me upon these Islands of the sea We spent the night at Br Ames. How sweet it is for Brethren in tribulation to meet together & bear each others burthens

12 walked in company with Br's Holmes, Townsend, & Rogers to Br Stephen Luce & Ephraim Luce & held a meeting at night at Br Maltire Luce & had a good time & gained a victory over the power of the devil for he has come to Fox Islands having great wrath the devil fell upon one sister as if to devour her at once but by Prayer & faith she was saved from his grasp. I returned to Br Ames & spent the night 6 miles

CONFERENCE

Minutes of a conference of Elders met agreeable to appointment at the house of Brother Justus Ames on North Fox Island Vinalhaven Maine on the 13th of April 1838. Elders Present Willford Woodruff, Milton Holmes, & James Townsend also Priest Abner Rogers. Elder Willford Woodruff was called to the Chair

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and Brother Stephen Luce was chosen Secretary. The Chairman opened meeting by Prayer & represented the North fox Island branch containing 25 members in good standing also 3 members in Camden Elder M Holmes represented the New Rowley Branch containing 11 members in good standing. The Chairman made some remarks concerning the order of the Call to the ministry after which Brother's Nathaniel Thomas & Stephen Luce was recommend to be ordained to such offices as the spirit should direct and after receiving the full vote of the Church they were ordained under the hands of Elder's W Woodruff & M Holmes. Nathaniel Thomas was ordained to the office of a Priest and Brother Stephen Luce to the office of a Teacher. We then recieved several interesting exertations from the Brethren in the ministry which was followed by the testimony of a goodly number of brethren & sisters & after adjurning untill the next day at 1 o'clock PM Elder M Holmes closed by Prayer

14th Met agreeable to adjournment and Elder James Townsend delivered a discourse upon the first principles of the gospel & was followed by Priest Abner Rogers. 15th we again met according to appointment on Sabbath morning & herd a very able & edefying discours delivered by Elder Milton Holmes from Luke 17th 26 to 31 verses was followed by Elder Woodruff after an intermission of half an hour we again met together and addressed the Church Elder Holmes addressed the Saints Clothed with much of the spirit & broke bread unto them we felt strengthend & found it good to meet together after meeting we walked to Br Starrets & I baptized one person viz Sister Sarah Stone we had a good time in the Confermation we then walked to Brother Malatire Luce & had an interesting prayer meeting we were Clothed with the spirit of God & had a victory over our enemies. I returned in Company with several Saints from the South Island to Br Ames & spent the night distance of the day 4 miles

[illegible] I will trust in the Lord forever

16 I wrote a letter for Sister Pease. I took the parting hand with Elders Holmes & Townsend & Priest Thomas they went over to the South Island to prepare the Church for the Conference & to strengthen the weak for when persecution comes many faint by the way. O may God have mercy upon Judah, Israel, Jacob, Zion & Jerusalem. The Brethren got quite wet with the spray from the sea while Crossing the thoroughfare. I spent the day at Br Ames I assisted Mrs Woodruff in aranging her trunk & other things that she might be prepared to leave the Islands on the morrow to return to Scarborough we spent the night together at Br Ames [illegible]

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I walked in Company with Mrs Woodruff to the thoroughfare & assisted her in going on board the mail boat bound for Camden that she might there take the steem boat Bangor to Portland she went on board the mail boat at 4 oclock A M in company with Sisters Whitley & Pease & Brother Ebenezer Ames with some other Company I here parted with Phebe & retired from the abodes of men & Commended her to God. O Lord preserve her from harm, accident, & danger, & give her health and peace I pray may she return in safety to her friends. After I saw the vessel with her Canvass spread bear my Companion away o'er the billows of the deep I returned alone to Brother Ames meditating upon a Pilgrims life. I had an interview with Brother Rogers he informed me he was about to return to his family & church in New Bowley I walked with him a mile on his way as he was going to take boat to leave the Island we knelt down by the way side & commended each other unto God & took the Parting hand. O who knows the feelings of men that are called to testify against the wickedness of the people & stand in defence of the word of God & bear perils by sea perils by land perils among false brethren perils in the wilderness perils in the city perils in the sea perils among false brethren in many kinds & the worst of all such as come from fals brethren or those that make shipwreck of faith such as Warren Parrish & John Boyington & others that have done me much evil by sending letters from Kirtland to these Islands protesting against & condemning the faith once delivered to the Saints which we advocate & which they once strongly advocated themselves but the Lord reward them. I returned to Br Ames distance 6 miles

18 I walked to John Lews & returned to Br Ames 4 miles

19 I walked to Mr John Smiths & crossed to the neck in the South Island in a boat after loosing my way & wandering awhile I took a road & walked to Br Charles Browns from thence to Br Sellers & attended a Meeting Br Holmes Preached I followed him & returned to Br Browns & spent the night distance 13 miles

I walked to the top of the granite rock where Elder Hale & myself have visited frequently. I again bowed down & probably for the last time upon this place & offered up my prayers unto the Lord

20 I met in Council with the Church & Elders I taught the Church plainly & warned them to flee to Zion I spent the night with Br Thomas Ayr 2 miles

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night with Capt Benjr Coombs 2miles

April 21. I wrote two letters one to Mrs Woodruff & the other to Elder Nathaniel H Holmes & spent the
22 I preached to a large Congregation of Gentiles that were filled with unbelief hardness of heart & manifested
malace against me & the cause which I advocated but notwithstanding their indignation I bore my last tes-
timony unto them of the fulness of the everlasting Gospel that God hath brought forth in these last days. Elder
Townsend followed me in testimony amid the folly of the multitude. In the afternoon we met with the church &
Communed with them. May the Lord have mercy upon the Saints & deliver them from Babylon & her sins & plagues
I visited several saints in the evening & saw some of the world that manifested much hardness spent the night with Br
Jesse Coombs I herd Br Jonathan Burgess relate an interesting vision 3miles
23 I took the parting hand with the Saints & walked in Company with Elders Holmes & Townsend to Br Crock-
ett's from thence to the thiroughfare we crossed to the North Island & walked to the house of Br Ames 12miles
24 I spent the day in visiting the Saints & the night with Br M. Luce distance of the day 4m
25 I visited the Saints from house to house & prayed with them that they might be strengthend for earth
& hell is stired up against them & we have perils from & among fals brethren I received two
letters one from Camden & the other from Elder Ball in Holiston Elder Ball's letter contained intelligence
of Interest Concerning Elder P. P. Pratt's labours in the City of Newyork that the work of God was rolling
on in Power in the midst of opposition I spent the night at Br Justus Ames Valentine was at home only 4miles
26 I spent the day in visting the Saints with Elder Holmes we had an interesting Prayer meeting at Br M Luce the
Spirit of God rested upon us while we were delivering this our last address to these Saints upon the
Islands of the Sea for it was manifested unto us by revelation that it was our duty to take a western
mission & leave the Islands for a season for they had been faithfully warned, the line drawn the saints
sought out, & the enemy combined in secret places against us & would take our lives if in their power.
we walked to Br Ames & spent the night we felt as though the powers of darkness was great amon the gen-
tiles upon every side of us both on the Islands & maine land & that the people were deluged in unbelief. 5mi
O how ignorant the gentiles are of the literal fulfillment of the word of God such as the gathering of Israel
the fall of Babylon & the reign of Christ notwithstanding their boasted knowledge

April 27. we purposed to leave the Island but satan hindered us we spent the night with Br M Luce 3 miles
28 We took the parting hand with the saints at Br Malatiah Luce & left the Island in the morning in an
open sail boat in company with Priest Thomas & Br M Luce the wind being against us we had to row
hard for 6 miles against wind & water & tide we then changed our course to the S W. & hoisted one Sail this
with the help of our oares gave us more speed & after rowing & sailing 20 miles we landed at
Owls Head about noon we here took the parting hand with the Brethren & walked to Thomaston & continued
our journey through Warren, Waldoborough & spent the night at Damariscota Mills distance 40 miles
29 th we arose in the morning & persued our journey we passed through Sheepscott, Wisscasset, Bath,
Brunswick & spent the night in Freeport, We both suffered much during this day's walk with blistered
feet & weary limbs but we felt it was for Christ's sake & the gospels & did not wish to murmer 40m
30 we arose in the morning quite sore & lame yet we walked to North Yarmouth, Stephens plains, to
Portland, & Scarborough & arived at Father Carters at 4 oclock P M distance of the day 30 mil
we suffered considerable during this days walk for our feet were badly blistered. I had the
happy privilege of again meeting my friends & spending a night beneath a father's roof in Company
with my Companion whome I found in good health & spirits with the rest of the household
MAY 1st I spent the day at father Carters in writing this Journal
2 I wrote a letter to Br Asahel Woodruff
3 I wrote a letter to My Parents in Farmington Con
4 I rode to Saco & spent the day at Mr Luther Scammans a Brother in law from thence I rode
in Company with Elder M Holmes to Buxton & again spent the night in Company with Elder
James Townsend at his house he informed me of the state of affairs in Kirtland which
information he receieved from Kirtland by Mr David Wodman who had just returned from
that place. He informed us that a Steam Boat passed through the Streets or town of Kirtland in
open day which was seen by some & heard by many It created some alarm & is looked upon
as a sign or warning to the people Distance 12 miles

10miles

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May 5 we rode to Sister Sarah Foss walked from thence to father Carter's & spent the night
6 Sunday spent the day at father Carters
7 I took the parting hand with Mrs Woodruff & Father Carter & family & left in company with Elder Milton Holmes we traveled to Saco 5 miles. to Benebonk 9. to Wells 4. to York 13. then proceed 4 miles further & spent the night Distance of the day 35 miles
8th We walked to the navy yard at Portsmouth N.H. & spent several hours visiting it which was an interesting sight we had a view of the war ships, the Cannon, the balls, the shot &c we visited one frigate of 60 guns & one Ship a man of war of 120 guns. I paced her upper deck & found her to be 14 rods in length & 3 rods in wedth at midship & about 90 feet in hight we also visited the building containing her Spars & rigging I should judge her anchors would weigh two tons each O how many inventions man hath sought out to shed the blood of his fellow man. We then walked to Newburyport (Essex County) Massachusetts 20 miles from thence to Georgetown formerly New Rowley Essex County Mass & spent the night at father Nathaniel Holmes 35m
9th we walked to Rowley to Mr Burbanks I there perused a letter from Viana Jaques from the City far west it contained many important things concerning the Saints. We returned to Br Holmes & had an interview with Elder Joseph Ball we spent the night at father Holmes Distance 4 miles
10th I took the parting hand with Milton, father Holmes & family & walked in company with Elder Ball to Salem pop 15000 17miles after visiting this town where numbers were executed after being accused of witchery this in the early days of the settlement, we then walked to Lynn 5 miles pop 10000 we spent the night with Mr John Alley we had an interesting time together he conversed freely with me & wished like a father to give me some advise which he did & it met a welcome reception which was as follows, to always keep the outward as well as the inward form in the Spirit of God & to be dictated & approbated of him in all that we do. Distance 22 miles
11th This is a day to be remembered by me because of the great variety of events that transpired with me, no day of my life was ever attended with more of a change of circumstances & places which my eyes beheld & ears herd & heart felt than on this day. I arose in the morning refreshed by sleep & took breakfast

with father Alley, Sister Alley was rather low in her mind but I endeavoured to comfort her in the gospel. We took a farewell of them & walked to Chelsea from thence to Charleston we here visited the Bunker hill Monument & walked upon the entrenchment that was flung up by our brave fathers during the night before that memorable battle that was fought upon Bunker Hill but the roar of Cannon & clash of arms had long since ceased & the green turf was now trod in safety & the sound from the populous City of Boston was now echoing through the air while our fathers sleep in peace. We had a view of the Navy yard as we passed along from thence we entered the City of Boston being the first day my eyes ever beheld its wealth or ever footsteps ever trod its streets I spent several hours in visiting this City which Contained a pop of about 100,000 inhabitants & also as neat beautiful & well furnished market probably as any in America. We visited the Statehouse which was splendid. I walked to the Cupalo & had a fair view of the whole City, I walked around the Commons which was enclosed with an Iron railing of about 2½ miles in length I visited the Tremont House the most noted public house in the City, & also the Shiping. We dined at Mr Thayre's in Bellinap Street upon a rich Salmon we visited several of the Saints in the City during the day. We also visit South Boston & had a fair view of the splendid Mount Washington House a place of entertainment for gentlemen who wish to retire from the bustle & noise of the City. I next walked over the long bridge to Cambridge from thence to Cambridge point I went to the goal in order to have an interview & to comfort Elder Albert P. Rockwood who had been cast into prison by his enemies for debts in order to trouble and distress him, when I arived at the prison the Jailor permitted me to enter into the room where he was & it was truly a happy meeting for althoug we were strangers after the flesh yet we were united in the Spirit. This was the first time I ever entered into a prison to see an Elder of Israel but after the keeper of the prison doors had turned the key upon us & left us together to Comfort each other in the midst of Iron grates & bars I began to inquire into the state of his mind and it gladdened my Soul to find him strong in the GOD of Abram Daniel & Elijah he was rejoicing in God contented in his mind & strong in the faith once delivered to the Saints Brother Rockwood had the Bible, Book of Mormon P.P. Pratts voice of warning & the Evening & Morning Star as his companions

which he constantly read. We conversed together about three hours in this solitary abode & our souls were made glad. He informed me of many things that had transpired while he was there in gaol & among the variety he made mention of the goal taking fire a few days previous to my visiting him, he said this looked something like a dark hour the fire was roaring over his head while a scene of uproar confusion & distress was upon every hand engines were rapidly playing around the building-water pouring into every room the people hallowing in the streets the prisoners crying for mercy to the ~~streets~~ lest they be consumed in the fire one of the number was struggling in the agonies of death while others were cursing & swearing &c Br Rockwood said he felt composed through the confused scenery until the fire was extinguished & silence once more was known in the gaol. Elder Rockwood was writing his life while in this state of confinement he sent a roll of the same by me to his wife in Holliston. at half past 4 o'clock P. M. the Gailor came & unlocked the prison doors & I took the parting hand with this worthy Brother while he manifested much joy for my visit, Well whose soul would not be cheered to have a friend visit them while cast into prison. I left him in good spirits & bent my way back again to the City of Boston while crossing the long bridge on my return I herd the cry of fire, the ringing of Bells, the rattling of the engines, I soon beheld the flames begin to illuminate the City it was however extinguished in half an hour by the flood of water that was poured in upon the fire from the engines. I then crossed into the City & being alone & a stranger & in the darkness of the night I lost my way in the midst of the City, but after wandering a while I called into Myrtle street No 9 & I there found Elder Ball with a company of Saints in a room occupied by Sister Voge all were patiently waiting for me, it was a happy meeting. Notwithstanding it was late in the evening I spent a season in teaching them the things of God I then left these Sisters who are patient in tribulation & walked with Elder Ball into Burch Street No 12 where Elder Ball resides with his Mother we here spent the night which ended this day of variety

Distance of the day 25 miles

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May 12th

I spent the fore part of the day in visiting different parts of the City I saw many Curiosities and vanities from different parts of the world ..... I visited South Boston in the afternoon & spent a part of the day in writing. We again met the Sisters of the Church at the house of Sister Vose in Myrtle street No 9 to speak unto them the words of life we had an interesting time & felt refreshed by the spirit of God. & then returned & spent the night with Elder Ball. distance of the day 6 miles

13th Sunday after hearing of several distressing Steamboat disasters which shows that the destroyer is riding upon the waters I read an account this morning in the Boston daily news of a great destruction in Europe by water the letter was dated Berlin the substance of the account was that the waters had rolled beyound there bounds & overflown the order & in less than 15 minutes rising of 170 towns were wholey inundated & destroyed, surely the word of God is fullfilling the sea troubled & waves roaring. I spent a short time in the morning in visiting the Roman Catholic Church they were attending their morning meeting when I entered the house. After visiting the house & beholding their Priest Images & mockery & see them use their Holy water I left the house disgusted with their religion. I met with Elder Ball & the Saints in the fore part of the day at Sister Vose's room to converse upon the things of the Kingdom. We again met with them also a small Congregation of Citizens at the same place at 3 oclock P M. & I spoke unto them from Peter 1ch 20, 21. the Saints appeared edefyed & the minds of some enquiring a certain Physician by the name of Salmon & Wilder manifested great firmness in the cause. After meeting I walked to Mr Thayre's in Belknap street & took supper with Sisters Vose & Holman. We again met the Saints in the evening & had an interesting time in speaking of the goodness of God & breaking bread unto the Saints the spirit of God rested upon us & our souls were edefyed & the Sisters manifested their faith & strength in the work of God in which they were enjoged & notwithstanding some had taken great advantage of their liberality yet they had not lost confidence in God or his servants & their charity was manifested towards us we took the parting hand with these Saints of God & again spent the night with Brother Balls friends — 3 miles

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May 14th We left the City of Boston & walked to Cambridge passed through Brighton, Newton, Needham & Framingham from thence to Deacon John Havens in the edge of Holliston & spent the night beneath his roof in company with several of the Saints. Sister Rockwood was present we found her enjoying her mind & appeared reconciled to the will of God while her husband was in prison. When we arived at Deacon Havens I had the privilege of reading P.P. Pratt's Pamphlet in answer to Mr LaRoy Sunderland pieces in the Zions Watchman against the Book of Mormon & Parley's voice of warning I never was more edefied in reading a Pamphlet than on this occasion he does justice in exposing the lies of Mr Sunderland & also utters an important prophecy upon the head of Mr Sunderland & also against the paper styled Zions watchman distance of the day 30 miles

15 We walked from Brother Joseph Palmer to Holliston & spent the day at Br Newel Nurs & Preached at night at his house we enjoyed ourselves well with the Saints distance 6 miles

16 Walked to Br Palmer's & preached at night at his house the spirit of God rested upon me & we had a good time after meeting we walked to Elder Nurs & spent the night distance of the day 10 m

17 Took the parting hand with the household of Elder Nurs & walked from Holliston to Franklin, to Wrentham, to Pawtucket & to Providence RI this is the first time I was ever in the State of Rhodeisland this is the Sixteenth State I have visited in my Perepginations Sixteen States Distance from Holliston to Providence 32 miles. We went on board the steemer Rhodeisland at half past 4 oclock P.M. for New York City we called at North point distance 40

18 We passed by Levy Island also through Hurlgate we had a view of Blackwells Island & of the New prison at 6 oclock had a view of Williamsburg & Brooklin. I had a splended view of the shiping at New York the spars stood as thick as a forest for miles we landed at the Battery & castle garden at 7 A.M. distance 100 mi the whole distance from Providence to N Y 209 miles. This is the first time mine eyes beheld the great city of New York the largest City in America & the fourth upon the globe Pop 300 000 we spent several hours in traveling in the midst of this great City in search of some of the Saints, we finally found a Brother David W. Bogers & his household who were Saints dwelling in Greenwich street corner of Spring stre No 515 we were truly rejoiced to find a Saint in the midst of such a City. We dined with these friends from thence we walked to Hamersly Street No 26. I there found Elder Orson Pratt & his family I was

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truly edefyed to again meet with this Brother & also found another family of Saints residing in the same house viz Lucian R. Foster. I spent the remainder of the day conversing with Brother Pratt upon the things of the kingdom. We met at early Candlelight in Warrick street to hold a meeting & the congregation was principly composed of Saints as there had been about one hundred baptized & many of them were present. Elder Elijah Fordham was with us also. I was called upon to preach to the people I arose & addressed the Saints & the Spirit of God rested upon me & I was much Edefyed. The Saints were noble & strong in God. We spent the night with Brother Rogers in Greenwich street May 19th I walked to Elder Orson Pratts & took breakfast with Brother Foster. I prepared 1 doz of Parleys Pamphlets & forwarded them to our friends abroad. I had a plesent walk with Elders O. Pratt & E. Fordham. I also visited Mr Pratt & his family a native of England but had now become a citizen of N.Y. his wife & daughter were Saints & both sick we prayed with them & laid hands upon them & they received a blessing. They reside in Watts street. We purchased a Card of Gillotts Steelpens represented as being the best in use. we next visited Brother Parker in King Street No 327. we then returned to Br Fosters in Hamersly street No 26. I accompanied Brother & Sister Foster in the evening to market & it was a peculiar scene to me, & put me in mind of the merchandize of Babylon that the Revelator John spoke of. The market was one universal mass of human beings crowded together purchasing food from the market which contained every variety of both meet, fish & vegitable. The scenery was interesting to pass through the streets which was illuminated for miles by gas & other lights I returned with Brother Foster & spent the night distance of the day 6m 20th Sunday I accompanied the Brethren to the place of meeting in Varick street between Vandam & Carlton which is the stated place of Preaching for the Saints. Elder Pratt called upon me to preach to the people I arose & spoke to them from the parable of the olive tree in the Book of Mormon by the Prophet Zenas the Spirit of God rested upon us. At noon we dined with Brother Harderbrook in Carlton street. Brother David W. Rogers dined with us, Brother Rogers was an interesting man he had been a Methodist for several years but had been looking for greater things than the

Brother [illegible]

Churches of the day possessed. Brother Rogers was a Teacher among the Saints he was a true & literal desendant of John Rogers who was burnt at the stake he was the six generation from John Rogers, we visited a woman sick with the Palsy we Prayed for her we again returnet to the place of meeting. Elder O. Pratt delivered us a vary interesting discours from Nephi vision in the third chapter of the first Book of Nephi. The Lords supper was then administered unto us. There was one man from Phelidelphia attended meeting during this ~~day~~ & was much believing & offered himself for baptism. After meeting in company with Brothers Fordham & Rogers I walked to father Pratts the Englishman's we Prayed with his wife & Daughter who was still ill, we supped with them & after supper I again walked to the place of meeting & during this walk I was in Company with Priest Addison Everett barding at corner of Spring & Renwich street. this was also an interesting Brother my heart burned within me while walking arm in arm through the city at hearing a relation from him of the leading of his mind by the spirit of God. & I felt to rejoice that the City of New York was producing such Saints this Brother was of the literal desendant of the side Ephraim they had always had the name of Ephraim in the family of all their progenitors & down to the present day. Brother Everett about a year since had an interview with forty Lamanite Chiefs in this City while on their return from Washington to their homes. When he first entered the room where they were sitting they grasped his hand in friendship as though they were inspired to know who he was. Brother Everett gave them an account of the Book of Mormon & informed them that the fulness of the gospel would soon go to them they apparently received the intelligence with the greatest degree of interest, he told them to receive it & teach their tribes to do so when it come unto them; the Chiefs promised to do so & wished him to come among them & teach them these things. we arived at the place of meeting which closed this interesting subject. Elder O. Pratt preached a highly edefying discours to us from the 102 Psalm the Lord should build up Zion & appear in his glory. When he closed I followed him we also herd remarks made from Elder Ball & several others bore testimony to the truth clothed with the spirit of God. meeting was dismissed & I took the parting hand with those beloved saints of God whos bosoms were burning with light, spir

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& the love of Christ- we returned with Brother Foster & spent the night. Mr Willcox of the city of Phelidelphia offers to open his doors for the Saints & wishes them to come & warn that people also. Elder Elijah Fordham resides in New York City Cherry Street No 327

May 21st I wrote a letter to the Saints upon the Islands directed to Brother Nathaniel Thomas we dined with Brother Foster & after taking the parting hand with Elder O. Pratt & family & the Saints in the City, Elder Fordham accompanied us to the North river & there parted with Elder Ball & myself & we went on board the Steem boat Hilander bound for Newburg at 5 oclock P M. we had a view of Stony Point lighthouse as we past along the river we arived at Newburg at 9 oclock we carried on board during the night fare 1.75 cts distance 60 miles

22 Left the Highlander & walked through Newburg to Middletown from thence to Westtown we took supper at Mr John Abers whare we found Sister Elizabeth More an interesting Saint. spent the night at S. M. Cooks Eagle Hotel distance of the day 35 miles

23 We spent the day in westtown we dined in company with Sister More at Mr Henry C. Halsey's a merchant in the place. We held a meeting in the place at early Candle light in the academy. & notwithstanding it was vary rainy we had a full house I preached to the people from Gal 1st ch 8 v. I gave out an appointment for preaching the next night spent the night at the Eagle Tavern

24 The morning rainy the temporal & Spiritual horizon both rather dark we took breakfast at the tavern & walked to Mr Abers we wrote a Letter to the Saints in Boston we took Supper with Stephen Francisco we met at the Academy according to appointment & we had a crouded Congregation I preached upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon the Spirit of God rested upon me & I had liberty after meeting we accompanied Mr Charles W. Reeves home & spent the night with him

25 I wrote a letter to Mrs Woodruff in Scarborough. It was still rainy., we preached in the Academy at night Elder Ball spoke upon the gospel I followed him. We spent the night with Mr Reeves I was troubled with sore eyes which was brought upon me by reading & writing by a candlelight

May 26 1838

May 26 I returned to Mr Abers & spent a part of the day in reading, Prayer, & meditation we walked in the afternoon to Greenville & spent the night at Mr Benjamin Abers where we were kindly recieved & entertained 4 miles

27 Sunday we preached at Mr Abers upon the first principles of the gospel Spent the night at Mr Abers

28 Spent the day at Mr Abers & preached at his house at early Candle light to a large Congregation who hea with attention while I spoke upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon

29 Spent the day at Mr Abers & Preached at night at his house upon the Coming & reign of Christ

30 Walked from Mr Abers to Mr Ebenezer Elstons at waterloo we held a meeting at evening in the school house by request of Mr Isaiah Scott a Preacher of the Christian order we had a full house & heard with attention while Elder Ball spoke unto them & I followed him Mr Scott manifested much interest in our principles they being new to him he purchased a voice of warning of us we spent the night with Mr Ebenezar Elston Distance 4 miles

31st This is the last day of May & a beautiful & serene morning. After taking breakfast with Mr Elston I took a walk in Company with Elder Ball into the State of NEW JERSEY It was a pleasant walk indeed. we passed the Schoolhouse where sat the youth with his mind occupied in study that he might be prepared to fill the place of his parents in the rising generation. This view brought fresh to my memory the days of my youth & vanity. We next passed the farmhouse crowned with the fruits of a dairy which was so large that it requir a hors mill to churn the butter, the hors was upon the tread wheel for that purpose as we passed along. Smaller wheels are often in use where the dairies are not so large & they are often turned by a sheep, a dog, or a boy; others are larger still & carried by water. After walking a distane in the state above named we took a by path & rose a high hill the road was strewed with a great variety of flowers the honey suckle &c: we soon came to the top of the hill where we had a beautiful view of the surrounding Country we sat down under the shade of a chesnut & took a survey of the distant fields of Grain which presented a pleasing prospect & while the birds sung their melodious notes we bowed our knees in prayer to the Author of every blessing. What reflections occupy the mind of man amid the speed of time. This is the first time my feet ever pressed the soil of Newjersey, this adds another State to the list that I have visited in my Peregrinations Seventeen States O time how swift thou art

June 14th 1838

one year ago this morning I left Kirtland in Company with Elder Hale to go to the Islands of the Sea the Lord hath prospered our way & blessed be his name, where will another May day find me O. LORD thou knowest.
After being refreshed by the breeze I drew my pen & wrote these lines & then returned to E. Elstons house & felt refreshed by our morning's walk. We dined at Mr Elstons & walked to Westtown & appointed a meeting at candle light it was expected that we should meet with some disturbance from a Company of men led by two drunken Doctors who were parrading in the street with their drums fifes & other instruments of musick, but they attended the meeting in silence I preached to the people from Jer 31ch 22v. Elder Ball followed me we delt with the people in plainness we spent the night with Mr Walter Clark. distance 4 miles
June 1st I preached at the Academy & spent the night with Mr Clark.
2d Preached at the Academy & spent the night with Mr Clark
3 Sunday I left numbers in Westtown believing & walked to Mr Benjamin Abers & Preached in the afternoon & spent the night at Mr Abers
Distance 4 miles
4th spent the day at Mr Abers & Preached at his house at early Candle light the spirit of God rested upon us & we delivered unto them our farewell address & last warning
5th we left Mr Abers walked to Westtown we had another meeting at the Academy I preached to them in the spirit of God & warned them to repent & obey the gospel we returned to Mr Clarks who was the teacher of the Academy & a member of the presbyterian Church he had kindly opened his doors to recieve us & was believing the gospel he made up his mind after we returned to his house to obey the gospel in Company with his wife on the following day, But O, what power Satan has over the minds of men for during the night Satempted him & he gave way to the temptation & was ready to say to us in the morning go thy way for this time. &.
6th Mr Clark gave up the idea of recieving the gospel; truly the path is to strait for the gentiles we walked to Mr John Abers & spent the day Sister More was present we Preached our farewell discourse at night in the Academy I closed by relating an anecdote to the people which included the days from the days from Joseph to the reign of Christ from that time to the end of the world

June 7th Spent the day in Westtown I took the parting hand with John Aber & his family & Sister More in the evening & spent the night with Mr Clark

8 we left Mr Clarks in Westtown & walked to Philips Mills from thence to Newburgh here I took the parting hand with Elder Ball he took the Steemboat for NY: & I crossed the ferry to Fishkill landing I then walked to Mattawan & spent the night with Selah Lane a brother in the Church & holding the office of a Priest I was truly thankful to find a place to lay my head as I was much fatigued & weary with my Journey distance 37

9 I arose & felt sore in body I spent the day in Mattawan. I visited Mr Peter H. Strant's Plantation Summer house & expensive garden the orange tree was bending with fruit. I dined with Mr Pane Stillwell his wife was a Saint. Mattawan abounds with Priests & religion of many kinds also with Cotton faccories Sin & abominations and persecutions against the Saints. I preached at night at the house of Brother Selah Lane's in Mattawon, Fishkill Dutchess County NY: the people gave good attention I spent the night with Brother Lane

10 Sunday I left Mattawon & walked to Fishkill to Mr Lanes & Preached at his house after meeting I walked to Storminsville from thence to Greenhaven & spent the night I slept in a store house containing paints which made me stomach sick & broke my nights rest distance of the day 20 miles

11 Walked to Bulls Bridge to New Preston & to Bradleysville through a mountaineous & rough Country Distance 37m

12 Walked to Litchfield from thence to Burlington & to Farmington Connecticut It was amid many meditations that I was again permitted to visit my own native land where I had spent many youthful days with Parents, Brethren, & an only Sister, but now some of us are seperated far apart. I was with peculiar sensations that mine eyes did roam over farmington meadows, the river, the canal, the hills & dales. during this walk to my fathers house & when I arived there my meditations were turned into greater Joy by being permitted to take my Father, Mother & Sister Eunice once more by the hand in friendship & behold each other face to face & what added to this interesting interview was Brother Ozem Woodruff was among the number I baptized him the year before & after spending a season in conversing together we all sat down around our fathers table & supped together of the bounties of earth & I felt much refreshed & after bowing our knees together around the family alear of a fathers house to worship the God of Israel. I took an evening walk with Sister Eunice & found her mind searching for light & truth. I spent the night at fathers house distance of the day 24 miles

June 13th 1838

June 13th I spent the day at my fathers house I herd some most interesting letters read from Brother Asahel H. Woodruff Directed to Fathers family, Eunice &c. O Asahel may the LORD never suffer thy talents to be buried or spent upon the honours wealth glories or vanities of this world, but may they yet be inlively exercise in advocating the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ methinks the Spirit of Inspiration whispers that this will be the case  We were visited with an uncommon thunder Storm during this this day the voice of thunder & the voice of lightning was very great buildings & some of the beast of the field were destroyed in its march. In the midst of the rain the heavens, air, & earth, was clothed with a bright yellow hue which was above the brightness of the Sun & it lasted for about half an hour

14th I spent the day at fathers house in conversing upon the things of the kingdom of God

15. Spent the day at Fathers house. I received a letter from Elder Ball in the City of N. Y. It contained an important extract of a letter from Elder Thomas B. Marsh in the City far west directed to Elders O. & P. P. Pratt in the City of N. Y. It contained glorious news from the land of Zion it indicated such prosperity as looked for

16 I spent the day at my fathers house

17 Sunday I attended meeting at the Methodist meeting house. I herd Mr Clark Preach I applyed to him for the privilege of preaching in their meeting house at night but I did not obtain the favor & I appointed a meeting at My fathers house at Candle light the Congregation came together & filled the house to overflowing many could not get in. I preached upon the scattering & gathering of Israel. the room was extreemly warm & I suffered with the heat

18 I walked in Company with Sister Eunice to Mr Chancey Hills, Miss Mary Ann Hills was at home & took supper with us We then walked to Capt Richard Cowles from thence to Gen George Cowles here I had spent two years of my youth they all appeared pleased to see me we then returned home. 3.

19 I spent the day at fathers house & Preached at Candle light upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon & I was blessed with the spirit of God & I was enabled to boldly declair the things the Prophets have foretold

20th I had an interview with Cousin Seth Woodruff the son of Orem Woodruff he had become a young man of about 16, he left us & returned home. I took a walk alone in the old millone as the sun was

setting in the western horizon. It brought fresh to my recollection the days of my youth when I was wont to travel this road with PHILO, ASAHEL & others but time waits for no man, after taking this walk I returned to fathers house & Preached to the Citizens of farmington the congregation was princirly composed of rich men I had the spirit of Preaching & I warned them not to trust in uncertain riches. I spoke upon the second coming & reign of christ Job 19th. I thank the Lord for giving me the privilege of Preaching the fullness of the gospel to the inhabitance of Farmington & to friends & relatives ſ o r ꝛ i ẅ i t u ẅ o r. 19 ẅ ir y. i o n ſ,

June 21st 1838

21 I spent this day also at Fathers house

22 I left my fathers & walked through Farmington meadows into Avon, while walking upon the bank of the canal I found a valuable honey bee tree I called upon Uncle Adna Hart & spent most of the day with him. I had an interview with Aunt Hannah Woodruff at Adna Harts she was in a distressed situation being possessed with a devel bound fast in his chains I conversed & prayed with her. In the evening I left Adna's & walked to Woodfords Mills formerly owned by my Father It caused feeling of no ordinary kind to be permitted to again visit these mills & walk the road & view the house & farm where I was born & spent my infancy, childhood, & youth, there is a cord of keene sensation touched when ones eyes are permitted to survey the place of his nativity after being seperated for a laps of years. from this view I continued my journey into west street & spent the night with Uncle Thadeus Thompson a brother to my Mother Distrance of this interesting day 17 miles

23 I spent the day visiting my relatives & acquaintances I called upon Grandmother Thompson & Abie Thompson & had a pleasant visit with them. I called upon Michael Woodruff & family, little Joseph Hart Also Michael Barber I Dined with Mr Carlos Day at Roger Woodford's Cousin Elsad Woodruff was present. I next called upon Uncle Titus Woodruff There conversed with two aged widows of about 90 years of age viz Mrs Thomas & Mrs Allen. I then visited Capt Francis & Erastus Woodruff I saw Silus & Adna Woodruff. I called upon Julius Fuller I there found Uncle Orcem Woodruff I saw Cousin Altha Hart. I had an interview with Cousin Horace Woodruff I had not seen him before for 10 or 4 years he has been residing with his brother in law Benjamin Withenbury in Ashtabula. Andover Co. Ohio Romanta Barber & other friends reside near by the same place. I lastly called upon Uncle Thadeus Alson Thompson & spent the night with him Distrance of the day 4 miles

June 24th 1838

June 24th Sunday I called upon William Cowles to see a sick child of Brother Ozem Woodruff. I Preached in the lovly Street Schoolhouse in the forenoon I preached upon the reign of Christ from Job 19th 23 & 24th I also preached in the afternoon at the same place it being the last time I ever preached to my friends in that place I dissmissed the meeting & bid them farewell & walked in Company with Brother Ozem Woodruff to Adna Harts I also preached at his house to a Congregation of neighbours & relatives upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. I spent the night at Adna Harts & in the evening we Prayed with Sister Hannah Woodruff who was bound by the enemy distance 6 miles

25 I took the parting hand with Uncle Adna & his family & took the Canal boat for Farmington in Company with Aunt Anna Cossel we arived at father's house in the morning & had breakfast & spent the day in a very agreeable manner in conversing upon the things of the Kingdom of God 5 miles

26 I wrote a letter in Company with Sister Eunice to Brother Asahel this is a privilege we never before enjoyed. I also wrote a letter to Cousin Betsey Cossett at the same date

27 I spent the day at fathers house

28 I spent the day at fathers house & 2 ors

29 I had a pleasant walk with Sister Eunice upon the Canal, we walked to Mr Simeon Hart & had an interview with Cousin ~~Achsah~~ Achsah Woodruff I made some exhertions to obtain the Hall to preach in but the people fearing their foundation would fall because of light & truth refused to give me the privilege But O Babylon thou canst not break the Scriptures nor stop the work of God for I say in the name of the LORD the standard of truth shall be set up in Farmington & the honest in heart will come to it for light & truth is mighty & must prevail & none can stay the hand of God & WO be unto the gentiles

30 I spent the day at Fathers house. These are days of great suspens to me I am now looking for my father & his household to enter into the new & everlasting Covenant & to partake of the blessings of the Kingdom of the kingdom of God yet Satan striveth to hender them & rageth against us all becaus a blessing is near: O Lord preserve us from his grasp I pray that we may have a victory & that we may have an answer to our prayers & that the Revelations of Jesus Christ may be fulfilled to my joy

July 1st 1838

JULY 1st 1838. On this seventh month the first day of the month and the first day of the week which is called Sunday Some of the most important events transpired with me that I ever witnessed since I had a being, events worthy to be recorded upon the ARCHIEVES OF HEAVEN o or to be engraven with an iron pen & laid in a rock forever upon the EARTH. For I know that my Redeemer liveth & he hath this day given me with my friends a victory over the devil that tries the Souls of men that dwell upon the face of the Earth. My Father Aphek Woodruff, the Son of Eldad Woodruff, which was the Son of Josiah Woodruff, is a man that hath been seeking religion & the favor of God & light & truth for many years at times, & for more than 20 years have a numerour circle of friends made his case a subject of Prayer & pled with God in his behalf. But as oft as my father hath struggled for a victory over sin & its influence heretofore Satan hath tempted him & hindered him from gaining the victory, But since I had became a member of the church of Latter Day Saints & entered the New & Everlasting Covenant & had a dispensation of the gospel committed unto me, I felt a deeper interest than ever in the Salvation of the Soul of my Father. I had now come to declare a message to my father & his housh & to teach them words whereby they might be saved. I began to Cry unto God for my father & his household & the Lord showed me in a night vision that a great victory was nigh, but the devil fell upon the whole household with great wrath & temptations Some of the time one was ready to fall back & reject the gospel & then again another. his power rested upon me at the same time as if to devour me at once but after being confined to my bed for several hours under his grasp, in the name of Jesus Christ I with my friends birst the Powers of darkness, I went & stood before the people & declaired the gospel of Jesus Christ, & Shout O Heavens and rejoice O earth for the victory the Lord hath given us for after preaching the gospel to the peopl, I immediately assembled upon the bank of Farmington river where there was much water & led six of my friends into the waters of Baptism five of them were my relatives viz my Father, my Mother & my ownly Sister Eunice, aunt Anna Cossett & Cousin Seth Woodruff & the other was Mr Dwight Webster a methodist class leader. We returned from the water rejoiceing & confirmed them by the laying on of hands at my fathers house. I organized this small branch of the church being 9 in number & of which were my relatives I Ordained Brother Dwight Webster to the office of a Priest. I Communed with these Saints & unbosomed my feelings unto them which closed the scenes of this interesting day which have come to pass in fullfilment of my Patriarchal blessing under the hands of the Patriarch JOSEPH

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Great and marvelous are thy Works O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Written upon what Came to pass on the first day of July AD 1834 in fulfillment of Revelation

O GOD my heart inspire my pen direct while I record this scene of thy mercy this blessing of thy love a blessing promised me by the testimony of JESUS CHRIST. Could I claim it yes by faith all things are possible even that my parents & friends could in the new Covenant with me stand-Without shame I stood the gospel to declare. It was a sword to pierce the hearts of my friends. The day had Come; they felt that God had sent they must obey. On the thresh-hold of my father's house I walked accompanied by my friends, toward-rds the appointed place we bent our way: mill upon the rivers bank we stood. All nature spread her fields of pleasing green. The camil bold in her bed lay ready her inland Commerce to convey. The sun Shed forth her golden beams to gladden earth while the silver stream was rolling at my feet as if to say I am ready for the amid this scenery with feelings better imagined than described I cast my eyes upon the audiance while we sung praises to the God of Israel. Who would not have bowed the knee while offer-ring the sacrifice of the heart and imploreing the blessings of heav-en that the spirit of God the candidates & the waters might pervade. As from our knees we rose I entered the watery element and asked who was ashamed of the bed where Jesus lay. Many eyes were turned to behold this scene and deep solemnity veiled their faces while I took my Father by the hand, my Father did I say yes HE Covenanted to walk with God and for the remission of his sins I Baptized him. Feeling the victory won my Mother followed his steps and by obediance was sealed a Saint a member of the kingdom. Eunice my Sister my ownly Sister was ready, her noble Soul by Ephraim's spirit inspired her garb of pride had rent and broke the gentiles chain, fearless of the world's despising She freely recieved the watery bed her Master to imitate while her firm example should say Celestial glory is my boast the garb of Saints my pride

For the consolation of Israel Anna long had look'd and rejoiced that She could now the ancient path persue, upon the scene her daughters saved as if to say Great God prepare us likewise thy will to do. Seth in his early youth was not toyoung his God to se-ve, he desired to follow the example of his father; mother, and brother that they might be one. Ozem, Hannah, and John, the Parents & brother of Seth were baptized on the 12 of JUN 1834 as my Journal declares Dwight though not of Consanguine blood to me desired baptism at my hands for-by the blood of christ we were united, thrice the cross he strove to pass & as oft the spirit pressed his honest soul & he submitted to obey. Thus ended this scene of wonder shall I say yes and of mercy to, for heaven Counten-anc'd the deed for it was Gods Command an ordinance of the gospel. TO be permitted to stand in ones own native land the gosp-el of JESUS CHRIST to declare in the last dispensation & while dividing the word through the power of the priesthood to his kindred his townsman to behold the pride of the great, the rich the lea-rned by the spirit of God humbled at his feet then to exper-ience the living reality of a Father a Mother an ownly Sister meekly with other kindred receiving the ordinances of the house of God at the hand of their Son and brother is to me at least a scene of Interest. As we retired from the rolling stream to a Father's roof my spirit was ready to say forget this not O my soul regard it as the mercy of thy God while thou dost pay thy vows thy Covenants fulfill. While upon the head of these Saints my hands were laded I implored the mercy of God for the Holy Ghost upon them to reseth & guide them right. The bread and wi-ne was bless'd & we partook to remember him who died for us. O eternal God these Saints inspire, protect, support & defend untill in Zion they stand and with Celestial glory crowned an heir with GOD AND CHRIST

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List of the names of the Church of Latter Day Saints Baptized & organized in Farmington Connecticut. July 1st 1834. by Wilford Woodruff

TITLES	NAMES
FATHER	APHEK WOODRUFF
MOTHER	AZUBAH WOODRUFF
SISTER	EUNICE WOODRUFF
UNCLE	OZEM WOODRUFF
AUNT	HANNAH WOODRUFF
COUSIN	JOHN WOODRUFF
COUSIN	SETH WOODRUFF
AUNT	ANNA COSSETT
PRIEST	DWIGHT WEBSTER

WILLFORD

July 2d 1838

July 2d I took the parting hand With Brother Webster & I bid him God Speed & he returned to his friends I also took the parting hand with Sister Anna Cossett & her two daughters Betsey & Anna, may the Lord Bless them. I enjoyed a plesant walk with Sister Eunice at the setting Sun we walked upon the Canal we viewed the river & plesant fields and partook of some buries by the way side this is the last walk I have enjoyed with my Sister. After evening prayers with the family Father retired to rest & I spent a season in Conversation with Mother & we felt sensibly the weight of the powers of temptation that try the souls of men but out of them all the Lord delivers his Saints. I also spent a short time with Sister Eunice before retireing. we mingled our Sympathy's tears & Prayers together before a Throne of Grace, truly how strong is the Cord of Consanguinity & of the Blood of Christ united in binding the hearts of Saints together. And how blessings brighten as they take there flight this was the last night I spent beneath my fathers roof May the Lord protect thy household & bring thee safe to Zion

3d I arose in the morning refreshed by sleep & after once more partaking of the bounties of earth together we bowed our knees before the Lord & offered up our morning Sacrafice before a throne of Grace. I then took the parting hand with my Father Mother & Sister Eunice & also my native land once more I bid fartwell. I then walked to Mr Whitmers & took Conveyance into Hartford. I then walked to Holland from thence to Stafford & spent the night distance of the day 36 miles

4th I walked to Holland to Stubbridge from thence to Worcester. I walked 40 miles this fourth of July & the thermometer stood at 90 degrees in the shade & 104 in the Sun. I spent the night at the U.S.A. Hotel $1.

5 I took the rail Car at Worcester at 6 oclock & reached Boston at 4 oclock distance 46 miles I had an interview with Elder Ball at Bucoph street No 12 & spent the day with him in the City of Boston I had an interview with Sister Vose Myrtle Street No 9. I took the Steem boat Portland at 7 oclock P M. she left the wharf & started for the City of Portland we passed through a heavy thunder storm in the fore part of the night at 12 oclock we were halfway to Portland & the whole distance of this day 106 miles

6th In the morning we saw a Spanish flag of distress at sea we approached her & found her to be a wreck of a Spanish brig they had been wrecked about 10 days all the crew was on board & no lives lost we

took her in tow of the Steem Boat Portland & towed her into Portland her main mast & fore top mast had gone by the board & she was damaged otherwise when they were addressed with (Parley vo franc mon shire) they could answer (we mon shire) & English to. We arived at Portland at 8 oclock A.M. I took breakfast with my brother in law Ezra Carter & after visiting some of the Book Stores & Purchasing an ALBUM for Mrs Woodruff I walked out to Scarborough & had the privilege of again greeting my Companion & friends in peace & Prosperity & I spent the night with Mrs Woodruff at father Carters distance of the day 70m

July 7th I wrote a Letter to Elder Milton Holmes

8 From the 8th to the 13th day of the month I spent with my Companion at Father Carters my time was principally taken up in writing in my Journal

13 I had an interview with Mr James Wilcox from Avon Connecticut a Son of Asa Willcox Mr James Wilcox was a Presbyterian Minister but he had now left his ministry & his present Business was selling Patent's for tanning leather. I received an interesting letter from Kirtland from Elder Jonathan H Hale it contained much news of Importance & among the good things it says that Brother Joseph is in Missouri & that the Lord is with him & that they recieve the word of the Lord daily

JULY 14th The events of this day & the merciful providences of GOD with us are of such a nature that we deem them worthy of a place in our Journal to remind us at least that the LORD makes the bed of his Saints in their Sickness & that amid the deepest wounds of affliction & Sorrow Pain or distress it is safe to trust in HIM. Mrs Woodruff was called at an early hour this morning to pass through that Scene of Sickness which is Common among women in every age of the world. But after praying with her & laying hands upon her & imploring the mercy of God in her behalf She was Spedily blessed with the birth of a fine daughter which was her first born. Her name is SARAH EMMA WOODRUFF She was born JULY 14th 1834. at half past five oclock in the morning. O Lord prepare her for thyself make her worthy to stand among the Daughters of ZION.

Fifth Generation

SARAH EMMA BORN July 14th 1834

July 14th 1838

July 14th Our daughter Sarah Emma in half an hour after she was born performed a journey in the arms of Sister Sarah Foss through the garret, Chambers, & lower rooms, & principly through the whole house, Is not this an omen of her being an extensive traveller in her day let time determin. Mrs Woodruff was comfortable through the day more so than could have been expected. Happy is that people whose God is the Lord

15 Sunday I spent the day at Father Carters Mrs Woodruff Continues to be Comfortable and gains strength

16 Phebe is unusually favored for one in her circumstances this is the third day of her confinement & she has walked from her bedroom into the adjoining rooms & then returned without injury. I spent the day mowing grass for Sister Sarah Foss it being rather new business I felt weary at night

17 I spent the day mowing for Sister Foss I spent the night at Fathers Carters with Mrs Woodruff

18 I spent the day haying for Sister Foss I felt some unwell Caused by hard labour

19 I spent the day at Father Carters writing in my first Journal

20 I received a letter from Elder Ball from Vinalhaven giving an account of the State of the Church in that place some of them were preparing for Zion they wished me to call and visit them which may God grant Soon I wrote a letter to the Church on fox Islands directed to Prier Thomas who is a worthy Saint

21 For the first time in my life I wrote a letter to Sister Eunice Woodruff

22 I Wrote a Letter to Elder Thomas B. Marsh in Far West Caldwell County Missouri I gave him an account of the Churches in the east & of six persons that I baptized in Farmington Connecticut I Also forwarded three new subscribers for the Elders Journal viz Dwight Webster, Betsey Cossett & James M. Tibbets

23 & 24 I laboured for Sister Foss making hay

25 I laboured for Sister Foss & spent the night at father Carters. I dreamed many enemies were seeking my life & while they were striving to destroy me Samuel Deming presented me with the following words & wished me to tell what they meant viz "Go unto Babylon arise go quickly for thou shalt go unto the dead"

26 I made hay for Sister Foss & spent the night at father Carters. I dreamed my enemies while reproaching me presented before before me a large stamp bearing this inscription HELP THE CHURCH BUILD THE HOUSE

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July 27 I laboured for Sister Foss
28. I spent the day at father Carters in writing
29 I rode to Boxton in Company with Sister Foss I spent the day with Elder James Townsend I had a plesent interview with him I returned & spent the night at fathers Carters 16
30 I received a letter from Elder Milton Holmes I forwarded him two pamphlets by Mail. I took the parting hand with Mrs Woodruff & Father Carters family to go to visit fox Islands for the last time, for the purpose of assisting as many of the Saints as are ready to prepare their teams waggons & teams to go to the land of Zion. O my God prosper my way give me favor with the Saints enable a goodly number of them to go to the land of Zion deliver me from the hands of my enemies bless my wife & the babe which thou has given us, while I am absent enable me to return to again greet them in health I ask these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ Amen
I walked to Portland and spent the night with Ezra Carter jr distance of the day 10 miles
31. I left Portland & walked to North Yarmouth 11 miles. to Freeport, to Brunswick to Bath & spent the night with Mr Crooker the public surveigher distance 33 miles
Augt 1st I walked to Wiscassett, to Damascotty mills, to Nobleborough to Walderborough 30
2. I walked to East Thomaston, I dined with Mrs Andrew Luce. I visited Mr Spalden and Benj Knowlton several came to see me & inpuire into the things of the kingdom & wished me to pray with them I did so all was calm in town no spirit against me many wish to hear preaching I next walked to Camden harbour called & took supper with Mr Coburn Tyler I received no opposition in Camden at this time I walked to Brother Ebenezer Ames all appeared glad to see me I then walked to Goose river I here had an unexpected & interesting interview with Brother Nathaniel Thomas & had the happy privilege of once more striking hands with this faithful Saint we took a walk together to the Simonton district & spent the night with Mr Pease Sister Pease rejoiced to see me return as many had prophesyed that I would never return Distance 30 miles
3rd I visited Mr Whitley I found sister Whitley strong in the faith. I preached at night in the Schoolhouse and spent the night with Mr William Brown distance of the day 5 miles

Aug 4th

Aug 4th ✝ ✝ Sunday I visited the people from house to house & caught in the family circle. I spent the night at Mr Peasey.
I preached two discourses in the town house in Camden to a large congregation but the people do not realize it to be a day of warning and not of many words this is the last time I shall lift up my voice unto this people. and when the wars and troubles come upon this eastern country they will find the servents of God have told them the truth. I spent the night at Mr Simonton's
6 I walked to east Thomaston & preached in the methodist meeting house to a large congregation of citizens who gave good attention. I spent the night at Joseph Spaldin's Distance 5 miles
I left Thomaston wharf on board a sail boat in Company with Brother Thomas & Mr Spaldin for fox Islands. We arived at Brother Sterretts in the afternoon after spending a short time with them I walked to Brother Ephraim Luce & to Br Stephen Luce & spent the night distance of the day 1 & mile
I found Br & Sister Luce strong in the faith. ☞ I received a letter from Elder Thomas B. Marsh from Zion in answer to the one I wrot to the Bishop & Presidency & Saints in Zion they are both published in the 3d No. of the Elders Journal

& I went to John Tents & found a letter for me from A.O. Smoot in Zion ☞ it contained many interesting items. It gave an account of their proceedings on the 4th of July 1838. the laying of the corner stone of the house of the Lord in Caldwell County Mo in the presence of three thousand Saints. I then walked to Brother Justus Ames. & to Brother Waltire Luce & 6 in
9 I walked to Mr Ebenezer Carvers from thence to Br Ephraim Luce I there met the Saints for a prayer meeting & to Council together Brother Justus Ames soon came in and brought with him the Elders Journal it was the third No. printed but the first that was published in far west it was Dated July 1838. It Contained many important items. It spread before the world all the procedings of the Saints in the west such as the Clensing of the Church. their Councils & procedings & the names of those that were cut off from the Church & had made shipwreck of faith & c. Brother Ames presented me also with a letter from Elder Thomas B. Marsh Containing important intelligence to myself as well as others. The letter was dated July 14th 1838. After meeting I walked to Brother Ames & spent the night [illegible] Distance 6

May 9th 1838

August

A Copy of a letter Written by Elder Thomas B. Marsh Directed to Elder Willford Woodruff Dated July 14-1434

Elder W. Woodruff.

Sir; a few days since Prest. Joseph Smith Jr and some others were assembled to attend to some church business when it was thought proper to select those who was designed of the LORD to fill the places of those of the twelve who had fallen away namely Wm E McLellin, Lyman E. Johnson Luke Johnson and John F. Bointon. The persons selected were John E. Page. John Taylor, Willford Woodruff and Wilard Richards. On the following day five of the twelve with President Rigdon and some others met and resolved that President Rigdon write to Br. Richards who is now in England and inform him of his appointment, and that P.P. Pratt write to Orson Pratt and inform him that the LORD has commanded that the 12 assemble in this place as soon as possible and that I should write to yourself. Know then Brother Woodruff by this that you are appointed to fill the place of one of the twelve apostles; and that it is agreeable to the word of the LORD given very lately that you should come, speedily to far west. And on the 26 of April next to take your leave of the Saints here and depart for other climes across the mighty deep? Yours in the love of God

Wilford Woodruff — Thomas B. Marsh

Far West July 14th 1834

August I left Br. Ames in Company with Priest Thomas for the purpose of visiting the South Island notwithstanding the threats of the people to mob, tar, feather, and kill me if I came there again yet I was determined to visit the Saints once more upon that Island of the Sea. I had a short interview with Mr Douglass the methodist Preacher; at Johnsons store his very countenance indicated the wrath of his heart against me. We crossed the thoroughfare and landed upon the South Island with Taber Brown. We walked to Br. Crockett's. to Br. Merchant's from thence to Br. Charles Brown. to Capt Benj. Coombs we took supper with him We called upon Mr Burgess and family they had

made shipwreck of faith and cared for none of these things. we next called upon Brr Jesse Coombs we found them strong in faith we spent the night with them distance of the day 10 miles

Augst. 11 took the parting hand with these Saints and probably for the last time unless they flee to the land of Zion we bid them farewell & walked to the north end of the Island via Brr Crocketts & Merchants but the wrath of my enemies is great towards me through this Island we called upon Mr James Crocket to convey us across the thoroughfare to North Island but he partaking of the same spirit would not do it. But the Lord knowing how to deliver his Saints put it in to the hearts of the sons of our enemies to bring a boat to carry us across to the north Island. I went to Brr Justus Ames & found them in a bad situation, they had been much tempted and tryed because some of their Children were against them & would not go with them to Zion and so they gave it up themselves & concluded to stay in Babylon awhile and reap the consequences his children had a hard spirit but they will all see their folly when it is too late. I walked to Brother Stephen Luce and spent the night distance 11 miles

12 Sunday I met with the Saints at Brr Ephraim Luce & gave the Saints my farewell address which is the last time I shall meet with the Saints upon these Islands of the Sea; the spirit of God rested upon me and I had an interesting time it was a day of decision with the Saints Some concluded to go to Zion & some concluded to stay Justus Ames concluded to stay because some of his children were against him I expect he will stay until he is drove out by the Judgments of God. after meeting was closed I went home with Brr Ames and while the Sun was sitting in the western horizon. I retired aside from the abodes of men by the Sea shore alone by myself and cleansed my feet with pure water and bore testimony before GOD against the inhabitants of those Islands of the Sea for rejecting my testimony while in their midst and were exceedingly mad against me. I spent the night at Brr Ames this is the last night I ever spent or shall spend upon those Islands of the Sea &.

13 I took the parting hand with Brr Ames family, and Brother Ames accompanied me in his Sail boat out of the northern harbour to go to Camden, the morning was delightful and serene. We sailed to father Maltire Luces wharf and took the parting hand with him and his family. we again took our boat in Company with Brother N. Thomas we left the Islands, for the last time, at Brr Luces wharf. and I thank the Lord for once more delivering

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me from the hands of wicked and ungodly men who seek my destruction while their anger is kindled against me. We sailed across the penobscot bay and went up the goose river. We here took the parting hand with Br. Ames who returned home while we allied to James Andrews. who is ingaged in making the baggage waggons for Brother Nathaniel Thomas & the Saints to journey to the land of Zion with Brother Thomas possesses the true spirit of Christ and of understanding in this matter ("Truly how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God") for while one and another that hath this worlds goods have been drawing back not wishing to go with the poor lest they should be under the necessity of assisting them with some of their money, while this hath been the case with some it hath been otherwise with Brother Nathaniel Thomas he possessing some of this worlds goods and seeing his poor Brethren hath need of some of this worldi goods also is now stepping forward with cheerfulness in the integrity of his soul to their assistance, he is now engaging about one thousand dollars worth of horses, and waggons, & tents &c; to convey the poor to the land of Zion. O my God bless him and his posterity forever Amen surely it is more blessed to give than to receive. we saw two of the waggons I soon discovered one fault about them is they were only 8 feet in length while they ought to have been 11. feet. we walked to Mr Pease and spent the night distance of the day 14 miles

14th I walked to Searsmont and found the people rather cold. I held a meeting with them and had a full house I spent the night with Mr Mark L. Kimble distance of the day 12 miles

15. I left Searsmont and walked to Simonton district and spent the night with Mr Pease 12 miles

16. I walked to Mr James Andrews. & found Brother Thomas we returned to Mr Pease and rode to Camden harbour & bought several set of double harness & spent the night at Mr. Pease. 10.

17. I left the Simonton district & started with a horse & waggon for Searborough I rode across the toll bridge west of Nobleborough & put up for the night distance 20 m

18. I found the horse was not sound that I was travelling with as the gentile warranted him to be. he had the heaves and horse ale and was not able to perform his journey consequently I returned back to Camden, we exchanged the horse with a man for another which was good 26 m

Aug 1844

Aug 19. I once more took the parting hand with the Saints & friends in the Simonton district & started for Scarborough I bid the town of Camden Adieu for the last time I rode to Warren 4 miles to Walderborough 4. to Nobleborough 4. to Newcastle or Sheepscut 6. to Wiscasset 6 to Bath 10. I crossed Bath ferry & continued on Wheelers Inn 4. and spent the night the whole distance that my horse carried me this day over a rough road was 50 miles

distance 50 m

20. I rode to Brunswick 4 miles, to Freeport 9 to North Yarmouth 9. to Portland 11. to Scarborough 10 miles I arived at father Carters house at 3 oclock PM & had the happy privilege of greeting my wife and child & other friends in peace and health. And on my return I felt as though I had taken my last gentile mission in America untill there was a great overturn which I view as being near the door

on my return home I received a letter from Brother Asahel H. Woodruff under Date of July 23. 1844 the contents of which were of the highest interest to my feelings it caused raptures of Joy to vibrate my Soul, while tears of Consolation flowed from my eyes. I now find my brother earnestly enquiring what he shall do to be saved, & searching deep for light & truth with a desire to embrace it May the Lord assist him to obtain it. I also received an interesting letter from Sister Eunice under date of Aug 11

I spent the night at father Carters with my family Distance of the day 42 miles

21. I wrote two letters one to Elder Milton Holmes & the other to Mr Salmon S. Wilder of the City of Boston I spent the day at father Carter's

22 I walked to Elder James Townsend in Buxton I had a plesent interview with him & returned to father Carter's & spent the night Mrs Carter was also at home Distance of the day 14 miles

23 I spent the day at father Carters in writing

24 I wrote two letters one to Priest Dwight Webster and the other to Sister Eunice Woodruff

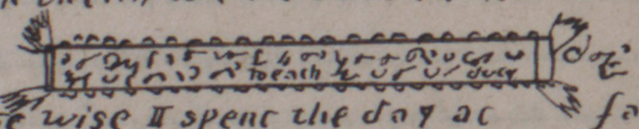
25 I wrote a lengthy letter to Brother Asahel H. Woodruff in answer to his interesting letter under date of July 22d 1844 Written at Terre Haute Indiana

26 Sunday I had an interview with Brother & Sister Townsend

27 I wrote a letter to Priest Nathaniel Thomas

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August 28th 1831

Aug 28. I spent the day in writing I made a family record for Brother Joseph Fabyan Carter
29. I wrote an acrostic for Shuah C. Carter
30. I rode in Company with Mrs Woodruff to Brother Luther Seamman's & spent the night distance 6 miles
31st The last day of Summer. I rode in Company with Mrs Woodruff & Sister Rhoda F. Seamman to the Beach on the Sea Shore. we spent an hour riding upon this beautiful beach which extended along the shore for about seven miles in length and one hundred rods in wedth at low water; this beach is composed of fine white Sand, almost dead level & very easy & plesent to ride or walk upon. The Sun shone brilliant upon the face of nature. The canvass of the gallant Ships were filled with the morning breeze as they sailed upon the deep, wave after wave were reaching the extent of their bounds upon the shore & sinking back into there own gravity, these together with a cloud of various sea fowls that were hovering around and lighting upon the water rendered this morning's excursion very plesent to our feelings, and after picking up a quantity of Sea shells to Carry to the land of Zion for domestic uses, & in memory of the place, we cut up a Babary bush from whence Babary tallow is obtained & then rode from the beach & returned to Mr Seamman's from thence we rode to Brother Edward Milliken's from thence to Mr Samuel Lowels, & to Aaron Mckinney's & after spending several hours with them, we returned home in Company with Father & Mother Carter the whole distance of the day  20 miles
Sept 1st The first day of fall, Time tarrieth not, let man haste & be wise I spent the day at Father Carters
2d Sunday I spent the day at Father Carters
3d I spent the day at Sister Sarah Foss
4. I spent the day visiting in Father Carters Neighbourhood in Company with Mrs Woodruff
5. I spent the day at father Carters making a Box to put our goods in to go to the land of Zion in far west. the Box was 3 ft 2. inch in length 2 ft 5. inch in hight 2 ft 4 inch in wedth
6th I packed about 300 lbs of Goods into the box above spoken of I desire that I may arive safe with them to the land of Zion I received a letter from Priest Nathaniel Thomas
7th I packed 70 lbs of goods into a barrel. I wrote a letter to Priest Nathaniel Thomas

Sept 9th For the first time in my life I obtained the Journal & travels of Lorenzo Dow I spent a part of the day in reading it I found it to be highly interesting he puts me in mind of the travels of the Mormons as the gentiles Call us It brings fresh to mind many of my own travels & labours in the ministry It is true that Lorenzo Dow was eccentric in his manners life & Procedings but he appears to have as much light as any in his day & generation & there is no doubt in my mind but that he was persecuted for doing good

9th Sunday I spent most of the day at Sister Sarah Foss I made her a family Record viz of Calvin Foss's progenitors for five generations past Also Sister Sarahs progenitors for five generations on father Carters side she being my Sister in Law. There is great excitement through the Country on the subject of the Election the people are electioneering through the streets notwithstanding it is Sunday. I had an interview with my Brother in Law Ezra Carter. Satan is stired up to try to hinder myself and wife from going to Zion may the Lord rebuke him ☜ I wrote a Letter to Sister Eliza Grant & spent the night at Father Coffs our Child has a severe attack of the Hooping Cough But the Lord is able to support her on the Journey to Zion I pray the Lord to spare her life for our sakes if it is his will if not to help us to be resigned Isaiah tells us about going to Zion in the last days and about the prosperity & glorious state thereof and Jer 31st 6. sayes they shall be gathered from the Coasts of the earth & with them the woman with Child and her that travaileth with Child together & a great Company shall return thither I expect in few days to lead a Company to Zion in like Circumstances may God bless us all on the way O the ignorance, blindness, & darkness of the gentiles, Concerning the fulfillment of the Bible

10 ●●●●• This is a day of interest on many accounts The election for Governor & other state offices of Maine is to be decided this day Also the Camp of the Saints was to start from the Islands of the Sea for Zion this day however they may be detained from starting a few days in order to add to their numbers. I rode to the place of election with Bros Fabyan Carter my Brothers in law. As I was a legal voter in the State of Maine I cast in my vote which was the Democratic Republican Ticket viz for Governor JOHN FAIRFIELD Representative to Congress ALBERT SMITH. For Senators NATANIEL S. LITTLEFIELD, CHARLES HOLDEN OTIS C. CROSS. & JOHN C. HUMPHREYS. For County Treasurers MARK HARRIS. Regester of Deeds SAMUEL BAKER. The above vote I Cast on this 10th day of Sept 1834 in Scarborough, Cumberland County. Maine.

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Sept 10th 1838

Sept 10th After returning from the Election I recieved an interesting Letter from Mother Woodruff under date of Sept 7th which was written at Simsbury Connecticut while She was on a visit to Sister Anna Cossett's She informed me they were all strong in faith of the New Covenant & Sister Eunice firmly contending for the truth & others of my relatives were believing in the cause of the Latter Day Saints what Joy such intelligence brings to my Soul. O how mysterious are the ways of God! I spent the night at father Carters

Distance 4 miles

11th I perused the Portland Argus & saw the returnes of the Election of Cumberland County the republicans had a majority over the federalist of about 100. I expect the electioneering excitement will pass off in few day & sumthing els will occupy the minds of men. (5) I learn from experience that the Saint must watch & pray lest he enter into temptation & in order to overcome the devil we must continually be on our watch tower, the Saint in any age of the world cannot pass through their allotted portion of existance on flowery beds of ease in this life. I am now daily making preperation to leave the State of Maine and all my relatives and friends in Scarborough to lead a Company of Saints from the Islands of the Sea to the land of Zion in the far west I shall be accompanied by my wife & Child. It is the greatest trial Phebe has ever been called to pass through to take the parting hand of her Parents, Brethren & Sisters, & neighbours & perhaps for the last time. & go a journey of two thousand miles late in the fall & start with a babe of two months old which is in the first stage of the hooping cough & to add to this to leave a kind fathers house of plenty & go to a new Country & settle among Strangers after the flesh. These kind reader are the medications that are daily running with the rapidity of lightning through the mind of my bosom friend & Companion & to add the insinuations of friends against such a course of proceedings, and all the temptations that the devil is capable of inventing are crouded into the mind in order to hinder the will of God being done. Thus standing in the midst of such a position nothing but a Saint could stand the Shock nothing but a God could support the Sinking Soul. I speak not of myself but my Companion and when She suffers I suffer also. The above has been a code of experience my wife hath been passing through from time to time for weeks that are

past and gone and at times it seemed as though all earth & hell were combined to crush her troubled soul
I began to cry unto God that she might be supported under these & all other trials. & I soon found that the same
spirit which had inspired her to imbrace the fullness of the gospel & forsake her friends & go a journey of 1000
miles to enjoy the society of the Saints & had united her heart & hand with my own & caused her to accom-
pany me to the Islands of the Sea, was with HER STILL. Yes PHEBE possesses to much firmness, & faith in God
& confidence in God to put her hand to the plough & look back or to wholey give way to such trials & any other howso
great She is determined, like Ruth, to forsake her kindred & Country for Christ's sake & my own & the Cause
in which she is ingaged, & as I behold this principle beaming in her daily walk, heart & Countenance it binds my
whole soul to her in love stronger than death or the bars of a Castle, yes that love that none partakes of except
those in like circumstances. and that man that will not love his wife with all his heart after she has made such a
sacrifice for his sake is not worthy of a companion or a standing in human Society. And O ye ungodly gentiles
that would laugh at a man for considering such a wife the greatest temporal blessing that heaven could bestow
ye are more fit for the Society of Demons than a virtuous woman. The devel has never tempted
me to cease from doing the will of God by gathering to Zion or to cease traveling & preaching the gospel, by press-
ing before my my friends & telling me to stay & enjoy their society for in doing thus I might ruin both myself
& friends I would sooner say to him get the behind me Satan for I would go to the land of Zion or whereever
God sent if I had to forsake as many fathers, mothers, brothers & Sisters as could stand between Maine &
Missouri & subsist upon boiled herbs on the way. Father & Mother Carter with all the Brothers
and Sisters appertaining to the household, have been uncommonly attentive, kind & generous to us both during
the last year that we have been with them, although they do not see the propriety of our gathering with the
Saints to Zion in order to escape the judgments of God, yet my prayer to God is that they may not loose their
reward for their uncommon kindness towards us but may yet have their eyes open to understand the
Commandments of God concerning Zion in the last days & flee unto it for refuge themselves & obtain a
righteous inheritance there while the judgments of God are resting upon the gentiles & may they also have
part in the first resurrection & finally obtain a Celestial Glory which is my prayer through JESUS CHRIST

Sept 12th I spent the day at Father Carters in packing up the last remains of our goods I Carried the most of our goods to Sister Sarah Foss's where the Saints or Camp will spend the night when they arive Josiah C. Foss was expecting to go to Zion with us he is a son of Sister Sarah Foss but old Mr Foss opposed him to such a degree that it was thought best for him to tarry.

13 we have had a hard rain during the day Besides many favores bestowed upon us from Father Carter he gave Phebe one hundred dollars for which sum we both signed an article or writing that we were satisfied & would hold no further claim to any of his real estate or personal property

14th I accompanied Father Carter & Brother Fabyan, with Abial Carter & Timothy Roth & some others in a fish boat out into the bay for a fishing tour. the morning was pleasent after the storm but a high sea we dug a quantity of Clams for bait & launched forth into the deep, after beating two miles we hove to, cast anchor & caught a small quantity of fish mostly Haddock; we then Sailed to a point of Land & built up a fire hung on a pot, fried out some pork & dressed 6 Haddock & one Hake & put them into the pot we sliced in some potatoes & put in a quantity of crackers & by adding some seasoning & boiling it untill it was thoroughly cooked it formed as rich a dish as would be necessary to set before a King, this kind of a dish is what Seaman or fisherman Call a [Chouder] we all sat down & ate uncommonly hearty. useing clam shells for knives, forks & spoons, after finishing our feast we again went out about a mile from shore & spent several hours more in fishing, we Caught a great variety of fish such as Cod, Pollock, Hake, Haddock, Mackerel, Cunner, Flounders, Sculpin, pout, & Skate, &c. we hoisted Sail & started for home about the Siting of the Sun we arived at father Carters about 8 oclock PM & spent the night. Our babe passed a sick night with the Hooping Cough 20m

15 My mind is in some suspens because the Camp does not arive from the Islands neither do I hear any thing from them by letter the time has past for them to have arived however I am looking for them daily I spent part of the day in writing while most of the household have gone to the beach for a mornings ride. I have this morning received the returns of the late Election throughout the State of Maine Mr Fairfield the democratic Candidate is elected Governor over Mr Kent by about 4000 majority

Sept 1838

Sept 16 Sunday I rode in company with Brother Faby an carter to Buxton & spent the day with Elder Towns-end we returned to Scarborough I spent the night at Sister Sarah Foss' distance of the day 20 miles

17 I spent the day at Father Carters reading the life of Lorenzo Dow

18 I received a letter from Brother Nathaniel Thomas dated Sept 12 they had not yet started they had been delayed in waiting for some that were not ready I wrote a letter to Brother Thomas I also wrote a letter to Elder Milton Holmes I spent the night at father Carters. We have a total eclipse of the Sun this day commencing about 3 oclock PM & visible

19 Spent the day at Fathers Carters Also the 20

21 I received a letter from Priest Thomas he informed me the Camp would be ready to start in few days. he wished me to pray to God to deliver them & enable them to go out of Babylon. Truly we all need patience & faith in God. for it is a day of temptation, trials & trouble for the devil is exceeding mad because the Saints are beginning to gather out from the midst of the gentiles & go unto the land of Zion. I wrote to Buxton to see Elder James Townsend to get him to go to the land of Zion with us & after having an interview with him he concluded to go with us I called upon Mr William Harman & bargined for a two horse waggon on conditions I returned & spent the night at father Carters & 20 in

22 The Sun is Crossing the line about these days. we are visited with a storm of rain to day the weather is warm I am still at father Carters & much desirous to see the Camp of the Saints. Our babe is recovering from the Hooping Cough, may its life be preserved I Pray if it is the will of the Lord

23 Sunday I spent the day at Father Carters

24 I saw a report in the Portland Transcrip against the Mormons [Saints] in Davis County Mo which arose on the day of the election in consequence of our Brethren enjoying their privileges as American Citizens by casting their vote & that numbers were rising up among the gentiles of the different Counties to go over to Davis County to mob the Saints all these reports & stories have a tendency to dampen & discourage the minds & feelings of many the Saints that are gathering to Zion But none of these things moove me I am determined to overcome, keep the faith & go to Zion

May 25th 1838

Sept 25th 1838

Sept 25. O Lord give me faith, grace, & Patience to endure what is lade upon me without murmering or complaining, help me to be resigned to thy will in all things The report that I spoke of yesterday concerning the Mormon's in Mo as the Saints are Called, is going the rounds to day among our friends & neighbors; this one is saying it wont do to go & that is saying it will not do to go for you will be killed &c. But O, fools, slow at heart to believe that God is as able to protect his Saints in these last days from the hands of the gentiles as HE was anciently to deliver Israel from the Egyptians Those things are the smallest part of my trials & suspens that is resting upon my mind at this time My trials are as great above these days as at any time since I have been a member of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. If any inquires what my trials are, should they ask if I was doubting the Cause in which I am ingaged, I can answer in truth NO, God forbid I never was a stronger Mormon [Saint] than about these days. what is the matter then, I'll tell you: The Lord has Commanded me to go to Zion spedily & while I am setting myself myself about it the devel with all his agents are using their combined exertions & power to hinder me. I have been waiting for the Saints from the Islands of the Sea to accompany them to that land untill it is very late. the fall rains are upon us. Cold weather will soon encircle us, the minds of the Saints are depressed & cast down around me. we have a dreary journey of two thousands miles before us with no other expectation but to Camp upon the ground I have a sick infant of two month's old to take with us & a wife whose spirits at times are much depressed under such savage trials But thank God she stands the shock like a brave soldier which is great consolation to my soul. The above are some of the trials that are resting upon me. But I can say get the behind me Satan for I say in the name of Jesus Christ that I will stand in the land where God has Commanded me to gather once before another Spring rolls over my head if it is on foot & alone & I beg my bread by the way. So now rage on thou foul monster untill thou art stoped in thy mad Career at the end of thy Chain given thee by the angel of God & see who will gain the victory. I spent the day at father Carters gathering apples I saved some appleseeds from his orchard to plant in Zion

Sept 26th I rode to Elder James Townsend I procured a two horse Waggon of Mr William Harmon & drew it to Sister Sarah Foss's Elder Townsend returned with me distance of the day 20m

27th It is a dark cold rainy day & gloomy also, & what makes it more so the Camp of the Saints do not get along from the east yet, & I have not herd any thing from them for several days. But may the Lord give me patience that I may be resigned in all things. Notwithstanding the cold rain I harnessed up my horse & Carried Brother Townsend home, & assisted him in packing up his household goods to the amount of about 600lbs I took the goods in my waggon & Carried them to Sister Sarah Foss's house that we might be ready when the Camp came along: Elder Townsend has been cast down in his mind for several days & could scarcely get faith enough to prepare himself & family to start for Zion thinking the way did not look as clear & bright as he wished to see it. But I have encouraged him from day to day as we must walk by faith not by sight, untill he is now preparing himself & family to go, may the Lord bless him. We must all have our faith tried before we are prepared for a Celestial kingdom & "faith without works is dead being alone" I do not know when my faith will begin to be tried if it has not already been esspecially of late; But I thank the LORD that HE has thus far enabled me to keep the faith & withstand every opposition. I desire to be humble unto the end. I spent the night at father Carters. Phebe appears resigned to the will of the Lord in all her troubles & tribulations. It is great Consolation to my Soul to see her determined to maintain her integrity unto the end. How good it is to have a help meet in every time of need Distance 20 mil

28th Glory to God I have this morning taken a letter out of the Office from our Beloved Brother Nathaniel Thomas in Camden the letter was dated Camden Sept 26. he says "we are almost ready we shall start to morrow morning. tell Brother Townsend to hold himself ready to go with us &c" May the Lord bless them & hasten them on their journey I pray. Their is more lying reports & stories in circulation against the Saints to day when will the gentiles cease lying about us

29 I rode to Brother Townsends & assisted him in packing up the rest of his goods & took them & the rest of his family & brought them to Sister Sarah Foss's house 20 miles

30 Sunday Mr Whitley arived at Scarborough from Camden this day he had been one week on the way. his waggon Cover was not in order for traveling we went to work & nailed it down all around & painted it thoroughly & put it in good order. We are waiting for the rest to come. I did not sleep much at night

October 1st 1838

Oct 1st It is unusally warm for the season. I conveyed Sister Rhoda Seamans home in a waggon we are still waiting in great anxiety for the Camp to arive O how slow they moove 10miles
2d Elder Townsend has this morning started for the east to look up the Camp of the Saints to see where they are & what they are about that they do not get along ✝✝ I wrote a letter to Mr William Simonton for Mr Whitley. I spent the day in diging potatoes for facher Carter
3rd Glory be to God at 2 oclock P M the Camp of the Saints hove in sight. I immediately accompinied them to Sister Foss's house. & a busy scene insued. The names of the company were as follows from South fox Islands Brother Charles Brown, wife & children from North Island Priest Nathaniel Thomas, wife & 3 children, Brother Ephraim Luce, wife & 5 children, Cyrus Sterrett wife & 3 children Ebenezer Carver wife & 5 children. From Camden Daniel Whitley wife & 4 children. From Scarborough Elder willford Woodruff wife & 1 child & Elder James Townsend wife & 4 children & a young man from the Island by the name of Alonzo Thurstin The whole number of the camp was 45 persons We had 10 waggons & 19 horses. We imine diately commenced nailing & painting the waggon Covers & preparing them against stormy wether I discovered they needed a leader & order among them I labored with them until in the night & then returned to father Carters & spent the night with my family It was a trying time to Phebe as she was to part with all her relatives. But the Lord will support her in every trial
✝✝ I wrote two Letters one to Elder W B Marsh in Zion & the other to Elder M. Holms May the Lord enable us to reach Zion in peace & prosperity & speedily I pray
4th We spent most of the day in painting & preparing our waggons for the Journey at about 2 oclock in the afternoon I took the parting hand with Father & Mother Carter & their household tears were shed but Mrs Woodruff manifested great fortitude in parting with her friends after bidding them farewell and also parting with sister Sarah Foss & many neighbours that were present I made a commencement of leading this Camp of the Saints on their long journey This Camp of the Saints Consisted of the following persons From South fox Island Brother Charles Brown & family From North fox Island Priest Nathaniel Thomas & family. Brother Ephraim Luce & family Cyrus Sterrett

Oct 5th 1838

& family. Ebenezer Carver & family & a young man by the name of Alonzo Thurstin. From Camden Daniel whitley & family. from Scarborough Elder James Townsend & family. & Elder Willford Woodruff & family this Camp consisted of 4 families the whole numbering 53 persons we had 10 waggons & 19 horses & after being set in order we rode to Saco 4 miles to Kenebunk 9 miles & Camped for the night by a saw mill. as the Camp is not fully organized their is some bustle among us. It was for a moment a trial to my feelings to take my tender wife with an infant at her breast into a cold tent to sleep upon the ground but after we became reconciled to it there was a door opened for her to go into a house to spend the night & as she had a young child she excepted the invitation. I lay down upon the bed that I had spread in the tent & after lying two hours I got up to stand on guard & I sat up the remainder of the night built up a fire & wrote thes lines by it Distance of the day 13 m

Oct 5th We started 8 oclock & drove to Wells 4 miles to Yorkin, to Portsmouth 7. to Rye 5 miles & Camped for the night that Mr John Drake we had a beautiful day to Journey Expenses of the day $5 30 Distance of the day 34 miles

6th We all arose bright in the morning & rode to Hampton 5 miles to Newburyport 10 miles to Georgetown 10 miles & spent the night at Elder Nathaniel Holmes Elder Milton Holmes was at his father's house I truly felt to rejoice to once more take these brethren by the hand we received every kindness & accomidations that heart could wish I with my family spent the night with Mr Samuel Holmes distance of the day 26 miles

7th Sunday we spent the day at Br Holmes I met in Council with Elders Nathaniel & Milton Holmes & James Townsent in the morning we next met all the members of the Camp & organized ourselves into a Company that we might have order in the Camp. I was chosen as their leader & Elder M Holmes as Comesary Ebenezer Carver as assistant our Counsel was W. Woodruff M. Holmes N. Tholmas & E Carter. we then met together with all the Saints & I once more was permitted to break bread unto them. I accompanied Br N Holmes in the evening to visit Sister Dow who had fallen & injured her hip & we prayed with her & laid hands upon her. we then returned to Mr Samuel Holmes & spent the night Distance 4 miles

8th We took the parting hand with Elder N. Holmes & family & again started on our journey accompanied by Elder Milton Holmes one with whom I had journied much before we rode to Andover 10 miles to Widow Wright & Camped in a beautiful meadow distance of the day 15 miles

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Oct 9th We traveled to Groton 14 miles to Townsend 10 to Ashby 2 miles & Camped for the night at Mr Calvin Hodgman & found the people exceding kind which has been the case thus far on the journey our babe is now in good health & vary quiet & rides in her Swing Cradle with great ease distance 30m 26

10 we rode to Ashburnham to Mr Bemas Inn & put up for the night & had a Storm 4 26

11 Rode to Fitzwilliams to Richmond & put up for the night with Mr Buffon 4 11

12 It was a rainy dull day we rode to winchester to Brattleborough & Camped 4 14

13th This was a serious day to me I arose in the morning with a severe cold & Commenced walking up the foot of the green mountains I was soon attacked with a painful disease resembling the Cellery I stoped into a house while going up the mountains for about two hours during which time I was constantly vomiting & purging after which I went to bed in my waggon & Elder Holmes drove my horse for me I called upon the elders to lay hands upon me they did so & I was healed. we put up for the night at Mr Stephen Averetts Inn Distonce of the day all the way up the green mountains 14

14th Sunday I arose in the morning better in health we had rain during the day we reached the foot of the green mountain about dark & spent the night in Benington at Diltons Inn Distance of the day 22

15 It is rainy & a gloomy day we traveled 12 miles through the mud & water & spent the night in Housack 12

16 Some of our Company had been absent 3 nights to mend their waggons came up to day. We crossed waterford bridge over North river & Camped for the night at Mr Hegenson 4 1/2 14

17 We Crossed the Mohawk river ferry traveled to Schennectady & Camped at Mr Vanvost 4 16

18 We rode to Amsterdam here Br Thomas stoped to get a new Iron Axletree to his waggon 4 25

19 A rainy morning again we rode 5 miles to Mr William H Printup & put for the day & night we had a busy time the woman were washing & Cooking the children runing & crying & the men preparing their waggons & C 4 5 mile

20 We rode to Manhan & Camped for the night at Mr Wm Smith 4 25

21 [illegible] Rode to frankford & spent the night 4 20

22 Rode to Utica to westmorland spent at Benjamin Benjamins traveled through rain & mud 21

Oct 23 We sent a paper home to Maine Rode 15 miles & Camped Oct 28d 1838 ↳ 15 miles

24 Rode to moime & spent the night Orvel myself wife & Child was sick ↳ 15

25 Rode to Syracuse to Camalias & spent the night Brother Brown broke an axletree yesterday he broke an other we seem to be impeded in our progress we had a hail storm to day 20m

26 ✸ This was a trying day to me I broke open my barrel Phebe was much tried rode 10miles 10

27 We have troublesome times in the Camp several of the Children are very sick one of Br Thomas Children is at the point of death we travel slow & have many hindrences. We rode to the free bridge & camped 2 miles west of it we had a very bad road about 4 miles near the bridge 12

28 ½ We traveled through Phelps a beautiful township of land & to Manchester & spent the night at the house of Joseph Sawyier within six miles of Palmira where the Book of Mormon was 20 for my

29 A cold day we had some snow our babe was still sick we rode to Canandagua to east & west Broomfield to Lima & spent the night ↳ 25

30 We traveled to Avon to Leroy & to the centre of Stafford & spent the night at the Inn 26

31 A cold winters day Snow 2 inch deep our horses draged the waggons all day through mud & water we passed through Batavia & Rekville & spent the night 21

Nov 1st We had a bad road for 15 miles we traveled to Williamsville & spent the night within 5 miles of Buffalo Distance of the day 20

2d We rode into Buffalo & spent several hours in the City Elder M Holmes took the Steam boat Erie for Fairport we left Buffalo & traveled to Hamburgh & put up for the night at the farmers hotel ↳ 19

3d Here we parted with some of our Company. Brother Cyrus Sterrett & his family & Mr Whitley & family stoped & returned to Buffalo to spend the winter as the expenses was so great it was thought we could not all get to Zion this winter so they stoped to labour & Br Thomas let them have a span of horses & a waggon to help them up in the spring After taking the parting hand with these friends we rode through the rain to Evens & spent the night with David Cook ↳ 17miles

Oct 24 Buffalo's Affidavit

Nov 4th 1838

Nov 4th Sunday we traveled through the Cattaraugus swamp had a view of the Lamanite settlment we had a very bad road we traveled through Eredonia & put up for the night at the Inn of Mr Standly near the Church of Latter Day Saints at Pomphret under the Care of Elder Benjamin Brown's 20
5 That an interview with Elder Brown Sister Brown sent Phebe a small present. he sent $1 by me to get the papers for himself he let me have the 4th No of the Journal our interview was interesting Elder Brown had Baptized 14 in the pomphret Church during the past season. We traveled to Portland & while on the road we were called to pass through a trying scene. Brother Nathaniel Thomas has had two sick Children for several days & this afternoon one of them Clara Newel began to fail they immediately stoped into a house near the village of Westfield Chatauqua Co N Y & the child Died at 3 oclock P M on the 5th Day of Nov 1838 we immediately removed the Corps one mile to westfield village to Mr J L Sprague's Inn where we made preperations for burying the dead Brother & Sister Thomas bore this affliction with uncommon fortitude
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6th CNT We spent the morning in burying CLARA NEWEL THOMAS who was aged 5 years 9 months & 16 days after attending to these duties we harnessed our horses & proceded on our journey it was a cold morning we had to travel through mud & snow. we traveled out of the state of NY into the state of Pensylvania we past through North East & put up for the night at Mr B Dickson's 17
7th We had a snow storm during the night Our Company seemed much discouraged about getting along. I fell through a horse stable onto the horses but without much injury. We started on our journey & it commenced raining from the NE we drove 7 miles in the mud, rain water & wind I suffered much in traveling through this beating storm we put up for the day & night at an Inn
17m
8th We traveled to Erie Penn from thence to Mill creek & put up for the night at Andrew Nickelson 13
9 A dubious looking morning for the air is full of snow & a cold winters day this is tedious journing for horses, men women & children. How or when we shall get to Zion the Lord owns knows the Lord is sending snows upon the earth. we traveled through snow & mud to an Inn 3 miles east of Elk Creek & spent the night which was freezing cold
5 miles

Nov 10th 1838

Nov 10th we crossed Elk Creek by fording the stream Br Luce got his horses mired in mud but we drew him out & went on & passed through Springfield & put up for the night at the Inn of a good man from Vermont 10

11 th, we traveled to Conneaute from thence to Ashtabula Ohio & spent the night at Mr Asa Scovill's 22

12. We spent the forepart of the day in preparing our horses or getting them shod we traveled to Mr Sweets Inn 11

13 We traveled to Painsville to Concord spent the night at A Hendy's I had many reflections in passing through Painsville as this is the place where the Saints have been much persecuted I had a trial of mind in consequence of there being a prospect of leaving Elder Holmes in Kirtland without visiting him thes are days not to be forgotten 16

14th Elder Townsend finally Concluded to walk to Kirtland to visit M Holmes we Continued our journey to Shardon many people stared at us as we passed through the village we Continued on about 2 miles & put up for the night at the house of Mr Truman Gilbert he was a gentleman & treated us well we got through this part of the Country well without any trouble or disturbance 11

15 It was a rainy day we did not journey at all this day

16 We traveled to Maintaeway & spent the night at the Inn of Lewis Turners Elders Holmes & Townsend were with us Br Holmes had seen several letters (while in Kirtland) that were sent from far west representing that there was great trouble among the saints caused by the inhabitants of Mo coming against them to war & persecuting them Elder Milton Holmes has now made up his mind not to go any further with us but to tarry in Kirtland or in the regions round about untill spring, we have had many interesting seasons together but I know not when we shall meet again or what we shall be called to pass through before that time 16

17 We took the parting hand with M. Holmes & rode to Ravanna from thence to Franklin Portage Co Ohio & spent the night with Mr Sewel Morgan I learned from Mr Morgan that I am now in the vicinity of our farmington neighbours the Sons of Abner & Baldwin Hart the Goffs Elisha Miller & family live in Bath Medina Co Ohio about 4 miles from New Portage 20

18 I wrote a letter to the Sons of Abner & Baldwin Hart we traveled through a cold snow storm to Middlebury from thence to New Portage we found 2 or 3 Saints left of that branch of the Church we all spent the night with Brother Levi Way & Elder John Harrington 15 miles

Nov 19th 1838

Nov 19th A cold morning we left Br Way's & traveled to the Inn of J. W. G. & spent the night tim

20 We have made arangments this morning to seperate Brother Thomas & Brownent think some of stoping by the way to winter while Brothers E. Lucey & C. Brown & myself will Continue our journey together. our Company is truly getting small. one of my horses is vary sick for the night—truly the Lord oonly Can open my way to Continue my Journey after getting our waggon mended we traveled to an Inn within 9 miles of Wooster & spent the night my horse is much better & performs his Journey well our 12

Company is now reduced to three families we feel united in spirit & are determined to Journey in the name of the Lord we had a Comfortable room at the Inn by ourselves for the night & while sitting by the fireside Sister Lydia Lucy a faithful Saint & full of faith related a dream that she had on the night of the 19th the dream was of Consequence & full of meaning it was as follows She saw the moon in the North of a silver Colour She saw a small sun in the South & while looking at the strange appearance of the heavens there appeared a ring of Blood in the west—& there soon appeared several other rings of Blood of a larger size all encircling each other being a ring in a ring & there soon appeared a ladder of fire in the heavens & it fell to the earth & broke in two pieces one part of the ladder had an Iron plate fassened to the end of it with sumthing fassened to it & O Willford Woodruff went & picked it up & read it & behold it Contained the XV Chapter of Isaiah read the Chapter for yourselves & learn wisdom

21st Traveled to Wooster to Washington & spent the night at the Inn of Robison a bad man & 22

22 Traveled to Loudenville from thence to Amity Knox Coonty & spent the night at the Inn of David Jackson we are Continually hearing of the mormon war as it is Called but it would be more proper to Call it the gentile persecutions against the Saints for the inhabitants of Missouri are persecuting & putting to death the Saints because of their religion & 20

23 Phebe was attacked with a severe head ake which terminated in the brain fever. We traveled to Mount Vernon to Centerbury & spent at the Inn of H. Jones 22

24 We passed through Sunbury & spent the night at the Inn of Mr. Osbury in Blendon 22

Nov 25th 1838

Nov 25 Sunday we spent the day at the Interesting ourselves & beasts we have had several days of warm plesent weather & good roads but this morning it snows some & is Cold. Mrs Woodruff is quit sick the pain & fever is increasing in her head we do not at all times know what lies before, Lord prepare her to pass through all her trials I pray O I wrote a Letter to Brother Asahel H Woodruff in Terrehou Co it was the last letter I ever wrote to Brother Asahel & he did not obtain that for he was in Eternity while I was pening those lines

26 We traveled to COLUMBUS the capitol of Ohio this is the first time I ever visited this place here we Came on to the National rode & rod 9 miles & put up for the night at the National Hotel 20

27 Phebe is very sick the jar of the wagon affects her head much & causes her to suffer. We rode to Jeffersun here we left the National road & traveled to London to Charleston & spent the night 23

28 Phebe spent a sick night I was fearful she would not be able to Journey But we started & traveled to Charleston & to Xenia a County seat we spent the night at the Hotel Phebe is very sick & is failing 21

29 We traveled to Dayton from thence we crossed the Miami river at the ford & put up for the night at the Inn of E Weaver a villen he treated us ill besides his wood & water was scarce & at the hies place price ½ 16 miles

30 We traveled to Andrew Clemens & spent the night Phebe still grows week Brother Brown is also sick & we are all feeble 14 these are days of trial of to me I pray the Lord to assist us

Dec 1st I lost my penknife at Mr Clemens the ownly pocket knife that I had used for about 3 years it was a present from Elder Benjamin Clapp. This is the first day of winter the weather is plesent But O the winter of Sorrow trying to roll over my soul our whole Company is much afflicted. We pased Br Thomas by the way side mending his wagon that had broke down Brother Townsent is quite sick I had not passed this afflicted Company but few miles before I was Called to stop my horses for the purpose to all appearance to Behold my wife my Companion give up the GHOST to breathe her last while lying in the wagon in the midst of the street. but while two of our Sister were standing around her bedside to behold the scene the Lord was very merciful & notwithstand to all human appearance her breath had left her body it again returned & she began to revive I then drove the horses a few rods further & put up for the night at an inn in Eaton I spent the night taking Care of Phebes the babe O I pray the Lord to spare the life of my wife to mile

Dec 2nd 1838

Dec 2d Sunday our circumstances were of such a nature we were obliged to remove from the Inn where we spent the night Phebe feels as though she had but a breath of life left in her body I carried her into the waggon & drove 2 miles at the house of Mr Mckinzie & put up for the present at least untill Phebe recovers her health in some degree or departs this life we went into a house by ourselves which was much better than to be crouded by other families how long we shall tarry here the Lord owntly knows. Brother Thomas passed us again to day Brother Townsend was quite sick after geting my wife & things into the house & my horses put out I confined myself to the taking care of my wife which to human appearance is at the gate of death she called me to her bedside in the evening & said she felt as though a few moments more would end her existance in this life & manifested great confidence in the cause she had embraced & exhorted us to confidence & in God & to keep his commandments & to appearance was a dying but she again revived as on the day before I prayed with her & layd hands upon her & commended unto God she revived & slept some during the night 2 3rd I spent the day taking care of my companion who is still alive these are days of trial but may the Lord sanctify them to my good I pray

4th Phebe is still very feeble & low I returned to Eaton to get some necessarys for her I felt the power of the destroyer resting upon me in the fore part of the day, in the evening Phebe for the first time during her sickness began to lay hold on faith for her recovery her faith was strong in God we laid hold on faith together repented of all our sins & confessed them before God & covenanted to keep his commandments I had some oil that was consecrated for my anointing while in Kirtland I again consecrated it before God for anointing the sick. I bowed myself down before the Lord & prayed with my companion & anointed her oil in the name of the Lord I laid my hands upon her in the name of JESUS CHRIST and rebuked the fever, the destroyier the deadly malidy that was praying upon her system & thank God we both obtained a great blessing in so doing & according to her faith her fever left her & praised be the name of GOD for we will ever keep his commandments & trust in him Praise the Lord O my Soul for all of his wonderful acts

5th I spent the day in reading meditation & prayer

Dec 6th 1838

Dec 6th The voice of the spirit of the Lord was unto us arise & be going & through the mercy of God Phebe was enabled to rise & walk & continue her journey. after being confined here 4 days our whole bill was ownly $6.62 the man treated us kindly may the Lord bless him we traveled to Richmond In & put up for the night in an Inn Phebe had to journey by faith not by Sight 14 mile

7th We left Richmond on the national road & traveled to centerville from thence through several flourishing little villages on the national road in the woods looking as though they had sprung up in the night-like Jonah's gourd we put up for the night at the Inn of Wm. D Harden the National road was smoothe & good. the whole distance 21

8 We traveled to Louisville Henry County In we here again found Br Thomas & family & Brother Townsend & family stoped to winter Brother Townsend was sick we stoped & spent about 2 hours with them & Prayed with them & took the parting hand & Continued our Journey to Knightstown and spent the night 17

9 We traveled to Greenfield & to Cumberland & spent the night it is cold weather 21

10 We traveled to Indianapolis the Capitol of the state from thence to plainfield Distance 23

11 The road was dry smooth & dusty & the weather warm we traveled to Manhaten & spent the night at at an Inn where I suddenly herd of the DEATH OF BROTHER ASAHEL H. WOODRUFF. Who DIED at Terre Haute Indiana on the 19th of Oct 1838 at 3 oclock in the morning [illegible] I also read in the Wabash Courier published at Terre Haute an account of the Administrator's sale of the property of Brother ASAHEL It was sold on the 4th of Dec for about $3000 dollars Mr Robert A Smith was his Administrator. O Brother Asahel thou art gone I shall warn thee no more nor see thy face in the flesh untill the resurrection. How uncertain is life. How sudden thy earthly hops have fled !!!!!! !!!!!!! ☹ I also read in the same paper an account of the horrid butchery of eighteen Latter Day Saints in Davis County Mo by the wicked mob. O Lord hasten the day for the reign of righteousness 31

12 I rode to Terrehaute In on the beautiful national road through the delightful scenery of that country I drove to Asahel H. Woodruffs Wabash Book store & instead of finding Br Asahel there he was in his grave & his store occupied by his Administrator & Clerk viz R A Smith & Martin Ray I had an interview with his Clerk Martin Ray I made inquiries concerning Brother Asahels sickness & Death but defered attending to his business untill the following day. It was with difficulty that we could get entertainment in the City for the night but finally we obtained an empty house & went into it & spent the nigh Distance 27

ASAHEL H. WOODRUFF

DIED at TERRE HAUTE IA.
Oct 14th 1838
AGED 24 Years

And is he gone, has Asahel fled away, from life's fair scenes to the regions of the DEAD
Yes he is gone by Deaths relentless hand. Had youth, or beauty, friends or virtue, power to save
He now might be mingling with his friends, and not sleeping in the silent GRAVE

There is nothing calculated to sooner lead the mind to serious & solemn meditations & to bring fresh to our memory the events of our past lives than to visit the tomb of those that are made dear to us by the ties of nature, of friendship, or of the blood of CHRIST. Brother Asahel was a young man of the most brilliant talents, firm & independant in in dependant in his principles. I had not been privileged with a personal interview with him for about seven years but had corresponded together by letter. Asahel had a peculiar art in letter writing which gave much interest to all the productions of his pen. We both had long anticipated much upon an interview with each other but my hopes were suddenly blasted. I did not hear of his death until the day previous to my arival at his dwelling. But I say the will of the Lord be done all is right I feel resigned

O death thy stroke is sore. At an early hour thy victim's fallen, & blasted the fond hopes of a father a mother & an ownly Sister. Eunice be still & know that GOD hath spoken, & thy Brother Called. Asahel lived for thee: for thee he plan'd, he toiled, & hoped, & airy castles built for thy future joy, but now he's gone. His grave remains to be wattered ownly by the Dews of heaven unless upon the Wabash banks a friend should chance to roam & drop an accidental tear. O Asahel among strangers thy lot was cast among them thou hast fallen & found a grave. No friend to see thy grief or share thy joy or drop a tear with thee. Willford & Phebe alone marked thy silent bed & ownly could take a pebble in memory of thy noble soul. A pebble did I say, ah thy Books, thy Journals, thy letters, & all the productions of thy pen, are standing monuments of thy worth & of more value to thy friends than the gold of Ophir or the rubies of Peru. In the morn of thy days thou hast fallen yet the events of thy youth will be active in the memory of thy friends while memory lives. Methinks the spirit steals across my breast & says be still & learn to be resigned & feel that with thy brother all is well that what was not accomplished with him in time, will be finished when upon GOLOB'S walls he stands clothed with Immortality. God is just, all is right. In the morn of his days Asahel is called from the scenes of time that his noble soul may see, feel, & view those glories which are hid behind the vale the covering of eternity. Farewell Asahel farewell, No more will thy voice the ears of thy friends salute or thy pen their hearts unlock. while here in time. truths unseen before the now are living realities. while willsford's testimony to thee in its true light can now be weighed. Upon thee nature hath bestowed her bounty but not in vain though buried from human view, then sleep untill the trump shall sound to call the forth in eternal things to act. Eunice dry thy startling tear & give thy Brother up, The Lord hath taken him to save his soul that earthly snares should not his feet encwrap & his fall secure. It speaks in language loud be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man Cometh. How solemn to part with friends yet it is sweet in death to know our friend is God & the rest of Saints our home. Then sleep Asahel sleep let naught thy dust disturb untill roused imated by the Archangels trump & in immortal state to meet thy friends & walk in paths of eternal light & truth & comprehend all knowledge & wisdoms space & measure laws that ever live in vast DOMAIN

Dec 13th 1838

Dec 13th. This was a solemn Day to me I spent most of the day in inquiring into & attending to the business & affairs of Brother ASAHEL H. WOODRUFF Deceased. Messrs R.A. Smith & Martin Ray the Administrator & clerk of Brother Asahel informed me that Brother Asahel Died at 3 oclock in the morning on the 14th of Oct 1838 & that he was sick 10 days & deprived of his reason 4 days before his death. his mind while delirious was principly upon his business but occasionally spoke of his friends. His disease was the Congestive fever on the brain Martin Ray had been in his employ two months was with him through all his sickness & death they informed me that they considered it him some absent minded or his mind deeply exercised upon some subject unbeknown to them for several months before his death. they were not as well acquainted with this matter as I was myself for I was intimately corresponding with him by letter & I know from his communications that his mind was deeply interested in the subject of the gospel of Jesus Christ or the fulness of it & the cause of the Church of Latter Day Saints. They also informed me that he was moral in his life temperate in practice Beloved & honoured as a citizen & his loss deeply felt. His entire stock of Books with all personal property was sold at the Administrators sale on the 4th of Dec amounting to about $3000 dollars All of his private letters, Journals, writing papers Account Books & his pocket watch, penknife, pencil, letter stamp, bosom pin, silver thimble & some other small things were reserved, & I took them into my possession to preserve for his Mother & owmly Sister & friends untill I can have an opportunity to convey them unto them. While looking over Asahels letters I found all that I sent him carefully filed with other Communications from his friends After attending to the above affairs I visited my Brother [grave] ASAHEL accompanied owmly by my wife & Mr Ray I viewed it, & it looked lonely indeed. I never more fully sensed the vanity of earth & the impropriety of trusting to the honours of this world for happiness than on this occasion I took some pebbles from his grave in memory of the spot & retired with this peculiar reflection resting upon my mind

That I had paid my last visit to my eldest Brother without spending a night beneath his roof

That I had paid my last visit to my youngest Brother & owmly permitted to view his GRAVE

I returned to his Book store & wrote a Letter to our Parents in Farmington Con[illegible] giving an account of Asahels Death &c I took the parting hand with Mr Smith & Ray & left Terre Haute & crossed the Wabash River into the state of Illinois & travled 9 miles & put up for the night

9 miles

Dec 14th 1838

Dec 14th we traveled to Paris Illinois from thence we crossed a part of the grand prairie to the distance of 15 miles the weather was plesent & warm the roads smooth & dusty I saw the prairies on fire we spent the night at the Inn of Isaac Kellar 25

15 We crossed an 18 mile prairie & put up for the night at the house of John Camel on the east fork of the Ocaw river standing on the identical spot where I camped with the Saints in the spring of 1834 after crossing the river in two Canoes

23 m

16 Sunday I sent a paper to our friends in Scarborough. We traveled through a 14 mile prarie & a 12 mile prairie with a snow storm & we put up for the night at R. P. Ren

26

17 Traveled 12 miles & put up for the night

12

18 we traveled through several small ~~villages~~ prairies the largest was 7 miles we put up for the night at the house of David Millers it was a cold day

Distance 26

19 What strange things happen at times we traveled 2 miles to Rochester Sangamon County Illinois here we unexpectedly found Mr Ebenezar Carver & family they left us at Utica NY & took the Canal & lake they had stoped here in Rochester to spend the winter. We called in to visit them a few moments not expecting to tarry but an hour as it were but after calling in we concluded to spend the night & during the evening I had an interview with Elder Arnold Stephens I was informed that we could not cross the Illinois River in consequence of the ice. I also learned that the Saints in Zion far west were suffering the severest persecutions & privations & we could not travel through that country & with all these combination of circumstances we concluded to stop for a season where we were as doors were open untous in the regions of Rochester & that is among the Saints that had taken up there abode in the place for a season. I wrote a letter to Sister Eunice

2 miles

20th I spent the day in preparing a dwelling to moove into for a season as we all concluded to stop for awhile. I procured a house 3 miles north of Rochester in a grove of woods on the borders of a prairie on the farm of widow Branch to spend the winter in. it was a double house & Brother Joseph Coone is living in one part of it

21 We spent the day in searching for dwellings for Brethern Brown & Lucet their families

31 This is the last day of Dec & of 1838. During the last 10 days I have been engaged in preparing our dwelling & procuring food for my family it being the first of my housekeeping. In looking over my Journal of 1838 I find the account as on the following pa

IN 1838

I traveled on three Islands of the Sea & in twelve of the United States making a distance in all of five thousand three hundred & fifty one miles — 5351 miles

I held ninety Six meetings — 96

I baptized Seventeen persons five of which were my kinsfolk my Father & mother & ownly Sister were among the number — 17 baptized

I ordained one Elder, two Priest & one teacher — 4 ordained

I blessed four children — 4 blessed

I held two Conferences — 2 conferens

I procured nine Subscribers for the Elders Journal — 9 subscriber

There was two persons healed under my hands — 2

I wrote fourty one Letters — 41 letters

I received twenty Six Letters — 26 letters

I Confirmed — 22 Persons

I esstablishes 4 Preaching Places & Planted 1 Church numbering 9 members

THE SECOND BOOK

OF

WILFORD

FOR

1639

JAN. 1ST TH 39. As I am now labouring with my hands for a temporal support for a season I shall not keep Jan 1st 1839
a daily Journal for a short time but merely note such things as I may deem necessary. During the last two days 10
I have been repairing a grist mill
20th Inst I wrote a letter to Father Carter of Maine. I have spent this month at hard labour I have not as
yet seen any of the brethren from far west to know how they get along
Feb 3d Inst I wrote two letters one to Sister Eunice & the other to Elder A. O. Smoot in far west Mo. I now learn
that persecution still rages in Zion Joseph the Prophet with all the presidency & many of the Elders are in
bonds & imprisionments &c. counted among transgressers
14th Inst I wrote a letter to Brother Azmon & Thompson Woodruff I spoke of Asahels death &c
22d Inst I received a letter from Father Carter of Maine Dated Feb 7th. It has been exceding dry & warm during 10
this month I have laboured hard for the last few days choping & spliting rails
March 1st This is my birth day I am 32 years of age I spent the day choping & spliting rails with Brother Albert
Smith it is friday
4th I received a letter from my Mother Dated Feb 4th 1839
7th I made preperations to attend the conference in Springfield

CONFERENCE

Springfield Ill Friday March 4th 1839

Minutes of a Conference of Elders Priests &c held in Springfield in the brick meeting house occupied by the Campbellites Commencing on the day of the date above. At about 11 oclock the house was called to order by Edwin D. Merriam the Presiding Elder of the Springfield branch who lead the house to the choice of a moderater. Elder Jonathon Dunham was chosen to act as moderator & Elder Edwin D Merriam as clerk. Elder Wilford Woodruff opened the conference by prayer The conference was composed of eight of the quorum of Seventies 6 Elders 3 Priests 3 Teachers 1 Deacon & 3 members The moderator then requested the Brethren present to give in there views their feelings & determinations in regard to things pertaining to the kingdom of God & if they had any hardness or grievances against any of the

Brethren or sisters in the Church of Christ to make it manifest. Most of the brethren then present arose seperately & gave their statements as requested above & all declared that they had nothing laid up against any one but all desired the welfare & prosperity of Christ Kingdom on the earth. Elder Woodruff then gave an address to the Conference laying before them many things which he had experianced & teaching also many things which are of the greatest importance to those who are going forth to labour in the Lords vineyard &c. Br Joseph McCausland was recommended for ordination from the branch in Jacksonville & was ordained an Elder under the hands of Elders W. Woodruff. T. Dunham & D. Carter. Br James Higby was presented from this branch but some objections were raised against him therefore the subject was waved. Br Brewster was then presented for ordination after some inquiries were made & some objections raised the minds of the Conference was called by a vote & all but 3 who were present were in favor of his receiving an ordination. Voted to adjourn till tomorrow morning at 8 oclock. Preaching in the evening to a respectable congregation by Elder Woodruff. Saturday morning met & opened the meeting by singing & Prayer by the Moderator, the people soon began to collect to hear preaching. Consequently the meeting was adjourned untill 6 oclock in the evening to be held in the room of Br Reuben Daniels. Preaching in the forenoon by Elder Arnold Stephens. Preaching in the Afternoon by Elder W. Woodruff. Saturday evening the Conference met according to adjournment at the room of Br Daniels Sung an hymn. Called upon the Lord in prayr in behalf of Br Starlis who had sent to the brethren to pray for him for he was very sick that he might be healed We laid hands on Br Stephen Mecham who was unwell. Also on Br Nathan Baker who was also ill. Priest Jonathon Fisher was presented for ordination from this branch. Voted that Br Fisher be ordained an Elder. Br Joshua Mecham was presented for the ordination of a Priest & Passed. Br Samuel Mulner was also recommended for the office of an Elder & Passed. these three just named candidates was then ordained to their respective offices under the hands of Elder Woodruff & others. The question of Br Brewster was again brought up before the Conference & after a lengthy discussion upon the subject untill near break of day it was found some 3 or 4 could not be made willing that he should receive an ordination the question was therefore waved for the present Voted to adjourn—

Edwin D Merriam Clerk of said Conference

March 13th 1839

Concerning the case of Brother Brewster I was one that opposed his ordination & I was much surprised that both the Chairman & Clerk did not do the same in stead of urging it forward For Br Brewster maintained the same principle & possessed the same spirit for which he was cut off from the church in Kirtland by the high Council & even in this case he came forward & demanded the High & Holy priesthood at our hands in the in the name of Jesus Christ I did not consider this to be the way that Aaron took the ministry upon himself Consequently I opposed it & the spirit of God opposed it also & after a struggle truth prevailed

March 13th I being pressed in spirit to go to Quincy Adams County Illinois to visit the body of the Church which had fled to that place to find an asylum for a season from the perilous persecutions that they were receiving by the Inhabitants of the State of Missouri. it being about 120 miles from Rochester Quincy stands on the bank of the Missisippi River. I accordingly set out for this purpose accompanied by my wife & child & also Brother & sister Stephens. We Rode to Springfield & Dined with Brother Whittle from thence we rode to Brother John Herret's & spent the night we had a plesent interview together Distance 32 mil

14th Rode to Jacksonville visited some of the Saints & rode to Exeter & dined with Brother Phineas Young from thence to Brother Samuel Fowler & spent the night Sister Fowler was formerly the wife of Brother Seth Hitchcock who died with the Cholera in Mo in 1833 as a member of our camp Distance 25

15th We spent the night after traveling 27 miles with Mr Platt 27

16th MOST INTERESTING DAY I rode to Mr Cleavelands & once more had the happy privilege of greeting Sister Emma Smith who had taken up her abode for a season with her children in the house of Sister Cleavland. we dined with Sister Smith she had passed through a scene of affliction since I last saw her & even now Joseph her husband is in prison with other Saints through the power of Persecution we next rode to Quincy 4 miles & here an interesting scene presented itself to my view I first called at a house which was occupied by Father & Mother Smith the patriarch of the Church & also Samuel & Carles & their families I then went out into the street & the Saints that I have formerly been acquainted with met me on every hand such as Perry, Clapp, Allexander & A.O. Smoot & their families from the south. & B. Young John Taylor. J. P Green. R Cahoon. B Andrews A & S Milliken with most all of the other Kirtland Saints & soon

March 17th 1839

Br Jonathan H. Hale comes along with a shovel on his back & says how do you do Brother Woodruff & in fact I saw so many of my old friends I hardly knew who to go home with first finally I concluded to go & spend the night with Brother Hale & we had an interesring time together in talking about our travels together upon the Islands of the Sea & also Br Hale gave me an account of his sufferings & those of his family & all the Saints in Missouri during the past winter for they have suffered much from the inhabitants of Missouri who have turned mob with Governor Boggs at their head they came upon the Saints from time to time in battle aray they shot the Saints down like wild bestes & butchered others in cool blood & mocked the brains out of some after they taken them prisioners the soldiers shot down the cattle Cows & hogs of the Saints for the purpose of destroying them. The Saints at times stood in their own defence & some of their enemies fell befor them & in consequence of which the Governour issued orders for the final extermination of the Saints out of the State & sent a general after his own heart to execut his orders forthwith & this is the cause of there leaving the State & coming to Quincy. the whole city far west had to surrender to the militia the Presidency with about 60 others was cast into prision & chains, they are all delivered excepting eleven persons the mob used ever exertion to take the life of Joseph & others but through the mercy of God there lives were in the hands of God & not there enemies. Elder David W. Patten one of the Twelve Apostles of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints chosen to bear the keys of this last kingdom was one of the martyrs of the persecution in Missouri in the winter of 1838 & he sealed his testimony with his **Blood** He died strong in that faith that he had boldly declared through the U. S. A. for the last 7 years of his life &c. Distance 20 m.

17th Sunday I held a Council in the morning with Elders B. Young & J. Taylor of the Twelve we then met with the Curch in Quincy B. Young took the lead of the meeting & gave much important instruction there was a Letter read from the Committy in Far west praying the Brethren in Quincy to send teams & money for the removing of fifty families of poor Saints from far west to Quincy there was a contribution Taken up for the purpose about $50 dollors & a number of teams to go. we then Communed together & the meeting closed & a Council followed. I was called upon to state to the Council the proceedings of the Conference in Springfield & after laying before them the proceedings of that Conference the Council of

March 19th 1839

the Churchill Quincy voted that Elder Jonathon Dunham be reproved for Calling a Conference in Springfield
but more esspecially for cherishing & fellowshiping that wrong spirit of Brewsters they also voted that
that Elder Dunham make Confession & Satisfaction to the Church in Springfield before he proceede on his
Journey. The Council then adjourned untill early Candle light at which time they met & Continued
until midnight & then adjourned. I returned to Br Hales & spent the night
March 18th I spent the day in Quincy visiting the Saints I visited the family of Br Lyman Wight
Sister Wight was well & her Children Brother Wight was still in prison in Liberty Clay Co Mo
with Joseph, Hiram, & others I also obtained my trunk that had been in the hands of Sister
Wight for a number of years it Contained some of my Journals that I wrote in New Hartford
Con I visited a number of families that had Camped on the bank of the river they were in a
suffering Condition with Cold, rain & mud & some the want of food. I visited the Brothers
Higbys &C after spending the day in this manner & holding a Council with two of the
Twelve where it was decided that the twelve immediately moove their families to Quincy
that we might be together in Council. I again spent the night with Br Hale 5 miles
19th I spent the day in Quincy retained hard I wrote a letter to Elder A. Holmes
20th We left Quincy in the rain to return home at Rochester we had not proceeded far before
our horses got stalled in the mud & broke the waggon tongue we soon got out mended up &
went on we rode 14 miles & spent the night a friend Clark 14
21st rode to New Liberty from thence to Kingston & called on Br Wilber from thence to Philips
ferry crossed by moon light & spent the night with Mr Perry a friendly man to the Saints 37 m
22d rode to Exeter called on Brother Fowler, found a sick man healed that we laide hands upon
as we went up. We called upon Phineas Young & rode to Brother Herrets & spent the night 37
23d Rode to Springfield & called the Church together in order for a Council they came together
at candle light at the room of Br Daniels. the house was called to order. Elder Willford Woodruff

April 1st 1839

was called to the chair & Elder Edwin D. Merriam clerk I opened the meeting by prayer & addressed the Church in great plainness one hour as Elder Dunham had transgressed openly before the Church I rebuked him openly & protested against the spirit he possessed & maintained during the Springfield Conference ie the Brewster Spirit Elder Simeon Carter followed me & maintained the principle with me & so did the others that spoke Elder Jonathan Dunham arose & confessed his fault & asked forgiveness & also Br Brewster & some others & we forgave them all. I next made a request of the Church to make a collection in the behalf of the poor Saints in far west or for their removal & there was about $70 dollars donated for this purpose & a messenger immediately sent to Quincy with the money for that purpose we then closed our Council. & I spent the night with Br Whittle the Distance of the day 24

24th Sunday I returned to my dwelling in Rochester. 25th I wrote to Br Nathaniel Thomas 4 mil

April 1st I have spent several days drawing rails & settleing my business in order to move to Quincy

3rd ➙ My life from my childhood hath ever been attended with a continued succession of the greatest dangers & misfortunes almost that are incident to human life. I was this morning also delivered by the mercy of God out of great danger; while riding upon the running part of a waggon without the box the bolt droped out of the reach or Coupling pole & I was sitting upon the bolster over the foremost wheels & the waggon parted & I was immediately closed or shut up between the bolster & tongue the horses being frightend they ran with me & dragged me upon the ground for several minutes I was soon enabled to run the horses into a fence & stoped them untill I could extricate myself from the difficulty

April 4th I took the parting hand with the Saints in Rochester & left for Quincy with my family I passed through Springfield Jacksonville, crossed the river at Philips ferry we arived in Quincy on the 16th being 4 days on the road during which time I was severely afflicted with sore eyes the whole distance 120 miles

17th I setled my family in Quincy & prepared myself to accompany the twelve to fulfill a certain revelation & commandment of the Lord which required us to take our leave of the Saints at far west on the 26th day of April 1839 for the nations of the earth

April 18th 1839

April 18th 1839. I left Quincy in company with three of the Twelve viz Brigham Young Orson Pratt & John Taylor also George A Smith & father Cutler for the purpose of visiting far West We traveled to the ferry oposite of Marion City & crossed the river & spent the night at the bluff distance of the day 24 miles

19 Rode to Clinton & spent the night 4 1/2 6 3 4 miles

20th rode 30 miles & Camped. 21st 4, passed through Huntsville crossed a 4 mile prairie the roads were full of the Saints that were fleeing from Missouri to Illinois for they were driven from their houses & lands by the State with Governour Boggs at their head & that to against all law rights & the Constitution 30

22 Passed through Keeesville & rode 30 miles & Camped. 23rd Rode to a groove 6 east of Tems groove 34 in

24th we spent the day at the groove

25th We Rode to far west & spent the night at the house of Dr Morris & Phelps Dr Phelps was still in Prision. 30

April 26th 1839. The events of this day are worthy of record for a Revelation of God & Commandment is this day fulfilled & that to under Circumstances which to all human appearance could not have been done The Lord had given a Commandment to the Twelve to assemble upon the building spot of the house of the Lord in far west Caldwell Co Mo on the 26th day of April & there take the parting hand with the Saints to go to the nations of the earth. (See Aug 10th 1834) But persecution had arisen to such an higth that above ten thousand souls of the Saints had been driven from the State, & the City far west almost made desolate & laide wastes while at the same time the Presidency Joseph & his Council with other Elders were in prision & they had been under the sentance of death several times because of their religion & they would have been put to death had not the Lord saved them for their lives were in his hands & notwithstanding the lives of those men were preserved yet there were about thirty five souls martered & put to death David W. Patten one of the Twelve Apostles were among the martered. And not owly so but the Missourians had sworn that the revelation above alluded to should not be fulfilled. It was in the midst of these imbarressments that we moved forward to the building spot of the house of the Lord in the City of far west & held a Council & fulfilled the revelation & Commandment & took our leave of the Saints & rode 32 miles & Camped 32 miles

COUNCIL April 26th 1839

At a Council held at Far West by the Twelve. High Priests. Elders. & Priests on the twenty Sixth of April 1839

The following resolutions were adopted

Resolved that the following persons should be no more fellowshiped in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints but excommunicated from the Same, viz. Isaac Russel, Mary Russel, John Goodson & wife, Jacob Scott Sen.r & wife, Isaac Scott, Jacob Scott Jun Ann Scott, Sister Walton, Robert Walton, Sister Cavanaugh, Ann Wanlass, William Dawson Sen & wife, George Nelson, Joseph Nelson & wife & Mother, Wm Warnock & wife, Jotham Maynard, Nelson Maynard, George Miller Br., Griggs & wife, George Walters, Luman Gibbs, Simeon Gardner, & Freeborn Gardner...

The Council then proceeded to the building spot of the Lords house when the following business was transacted. Part of a Hymn was sung on the mission of the Twelve. Elder Cutler the Master workman of the house then recommenced laying the foundation of the LORD'S house agreeable to revelation by rooling up a large Stone near the South east corner. The following of the Twelve were present Brisham Young, Heber C. Kimble. Orson Pratt, John E. Page, & John Taylor, who proceded to ordain (on the chief corner stone of the building) Willford Woodruff & George A. Smith, (who had been previously nominated by the first Presidency, accepted by the Twelve & acknowledged by the Church.) to the office of the Twelve to fill the place of those who had fallen. Darwin Chase & Norman Shearer (who had just been liberated from Richmond prison where they had been confined for the cause of Jesus Christ) were then ordained to the Office of the Seventies. The Twelve then offered up vocal Prayer in the following order Brigham Young. Heber C. Kimble. Orson Pratt. John E. Page, John Taylor. Willford Woodruff & George A. Smith, after which we Sung Adamondi ahman & then the Twelve took (the parting hand) their leave of the following Saints agreeable to revelation. Alpheus Butler, Elias Smith, Norman Shearer, Wm Berron, Stephen Markham, Shedrick Roundy, Wm C. Clark. John W. Clark. Hezekiah Peck. Darwin Chase, Richard Howard, Mary Ann Peck, Artimisha Grainger, Martha Peck, Sarah Grainger, Theodore Turley, Hirom Clark & Daniel Shearer.

Elder Alpheus Cutler then placed the Stone before alluded to in its regular position after which in consequence of the peculiar situation of the Saints he thought it wisdom to adjourn until some future time when the Lord should open the way expressing his determination then to proceede with the building See Sept 25th 1838

Written upon the death of Elder David W. Patten who was martered in Missouri in. 1838. for the word of GOD & the testimony of Jesus Christ. He was the first marter of the quorum of the Twelve Aposeles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints chosen to build up the kingdon of GOD & prepare for the coming of Christ

Hear O earth Israel thy dark slumber break as the American
gentile trembles at the thought that an angel again should visit
the earth & the abundance of light & truth reveal, which
lays babylons mighty towers in desolations vault, while
Zion proves a refuges for the Saint that is prepared for
the second Coming of Jesus Christ. The fulness of times arive
a youth of the loins of ancient Joseph cries to God, the veil
of eternity rends in twain, to earth an angel bends his way
& comforts a Josephs heart while light & truth enwraps
his soul. Truth startels from the dust to doits work. like the
unicorn Ephraims horns appear in the rolling of the kingdom
of God. to rend the garb of ignorance & superstition reign, to
make room for the Church of Christ as out of the wilderness she comes to stand upon the earth in humanview
with all her perfect body. Twelve apostles of Jesus Christ
were Chosen, & DAVID PATTEN whose life with christ was
hid in God among them stood. & being clothed with the spirit of
his mission he went forth in defence of the word of God. his
voice was herd, from Maine to Missouri he blew the gospel trump
At his command the blind did see, the lame did leap, the
sick were healed, & light & truth prevaled. plain
in his precept faith his constant shield, he feared no
power of earth. By the power of the Holy Ghost & of
the Priesthood he confered. Willford received it from
under his hand while the spirit bore testimony of
ies treth, but Davids earthly mission was of short
duration. seven years closes his apostleship among men
& wafts his faithful soul to a glory celestial. David
hath fallen, did he fall alone, no about thirty of the saints
because of their religion hath found one common grave
& with them American liberty is buried, & cast a dark
stain upon the eagles breast, Because Americans sons
have her sons oppressed. Missouri is the first her coun
trys laws to disgrace, among her bloody deeds shee's
pierced an Apostles breast with lead & stolen a valua
ble life, & exterminated ten thousand Saints from
the State. Blessed be David who died in faith, in peace with
Rachel by his side he gave up the GHOST

April 27th 1839

April 27th we had entered into a covenant to see the poor saints all moved out of Missouri into Illinois that they might be delivered from under the hand of such vile persecution & we have spared no pains to accomplish this object untill the Lord hath given us the desires of our hearts in this thing & we have now the last company of the poor with us that can be removed. Br Parley P. Pratt one of the Twelve & Morris Phelps are still in Prision & of course we shall be under the necessity of leaving them for a season. early this morning we commenced our Journey from this grove in upper Missouri to return to Quincy Ill the company consisted of seven of the twelve & a number of the Committy & several other families of the Saints. We continued our Journey & crossed the Mississippi River on the Steam ferry at Quincy on the 2nd Day of May & spent the night with my family in Quincy being 6 days on the rode from the Grove to Quincy & traveled 163 miles

Distance 163 miles

May 3rd This was an interesting day to my soul. I left Quincy in Company with five others of the Twelve & rode four miles out of town to Mr Cleavelands to visit Brother Joseph Smith Jr & his family, we arived at his house & once more had the happy privilege of taking Brother Joseph by the hand two years had rolled away since I had seen his face he greeted us with great Joy, he had just received deliverance from prision & the hand of his enemies & returned to the bosom of his family & friends & also Hiram his brother & Lyman Wight & two other brethren they had been confined in prison about six months & had been under the sentence of death three times but yet their lives were in the hands of God & could not be taken by their enemies & they were now at home & we in their midst rejoicing together Joseph was frank open & familiar as usual Sister Emma was truly happy the Bishops of the church were present also & after spending the day rejoicing together We returned to Quincy

4 miles

4 miles

See May 29. where this Council is recorded

May 4th A general Conference commenced this morning on the Prysbeterian camp ground 2 miles north of Quincy. Joseph Smith Jr was president of the Conference it was an interesting time much business of consequence was accomplished during the day. it truly gave us great Joy to once more sit in Conference with Br Joseph. Brothers Albert Smith, Isaac Ouderkork & J. H. Hale spent the night with me in Quincy

4 miles

May 5th 1839

May 5th Sunday I attended Conference we had a very interesting day Joseph address the congregation & also Sidney & was followed by the Twelve. At the close of the day a Collection was taken up for the poor
2d I wrote a letter to Br Nathaniel Thomas
6th I met with the quorum of the Seventies in the morning & after some Council their was about sixty ordained Elders & members of the Seventies. I then met Brother Joseph in Company with the Twelve & Bishops at the house of Bishop Partridge we again had an interesting time with Brother Joseph this was the end of the Conference. Several of the Brethren attended this conference that was wounded by the Missouri mob one of which I will mention which was Brother ISAAC LEANY who was in company with about twenty others at Hawns mill in upper Missouri when a large armed mob fell upon them with loaded rifles & other weapons & shot down Seventeen of the Saints & murdered them in Cool blood, Brother Leany fled from the midst of this scenery & while fleeing the mob poured forth a shower of balls upon him which peerced his body through & through he showed me eleven ball holes in his body their was 2 in his shirt, 7 in his pantaloons & his coat literally cut to rags. one ball entered his body at one armpit & came out at the other another entered the back & came out at the breast a ball passed through each hip through each leg & each arm all this was while he was running for life & as strange as it may appear all those wounds with one broken rib did not lessen his speed in the least but he entirely outrun his enemies & saved his life, we can only acknowledge it to be by the power & mercy of God Brother Joseph Young was among the number he also fled & although the balls flew around him like hail stones yet he was not wounded. How marvelous are the ways of the Lord
7th Spent the day in conversation with the Twelve
8th Spent the day in writing this Journal & also the 9th
10th & 11th Was spent in writing
12th Sunday I met in Council with the twelve & the Quorums of the seventies we had an interesting meeting some important things or business was transacted this day It was voted this day that none of the Seventies go out to preach unless they get a recommend from their presidency & they go out under their direction. also a Committy was chosen to see to the families of the Seventies that go out & preach. Also a Committy of five was chosen to labour with Elder

May 13th 1839

Lyman Wight for presenting the subject of politicks through the public press in a manner that was derogatory to the
Character of the church & closing up what public feeling there was manifest in our favor
13th & 14th I spent in preparing myself to move to Commerce or Montrose in the Iowa Territory. I wrote a
Letter to Elder Milton Holmes by the direction of the Twelve informing him of his appointment to England
15 I moved my family from the place that I have been residing in in Quincy & commenced my journey to
Montrose it commenced raining & I & family drove to the committy house & spent the night
16 Brother Brigham Young & myself left the committy house & with our families we rode 15 miles & camped 15
17 Traveled 15 miles & camped in the bottom of an open prairie 15
18 We Traveled to Commerce & called upon Brother Joseph & his family I also saw Brothers Clark Turley &
Ripley Br Ripley was surveying out a city plat which included Joseph's farm Notwithstanding the Saints are
driven from city to city & from place to place yet they are not discouraged but are determined to build a city
wherever their lot is cast showing themselves to be industrious & determined to maintain the kingdom of God I
next visited President Rigdon & Hyrum Smith & Elder George Robison & several other brethren Commerce is
beautiful for situation though there is but two or three dwellings in the town as yet I then crossed the Missis
sippi river in the ferry boat owned by George Robison we landed at Montrose in the IOWA This is the
first time I ever visited this Territory. Montrose was built for a garrison in 1834 by the U S A for the army it con-
tains about 12 blocks of buildings making about 75 rooms in all. I moved into Doct Galland office in Company with
Elder Nobles for the night the distance of the day 10
19th Sunday I remained at home resting my body & mind
20 I moved my family & effects about 20 rods into a room in front of the public square a room ~~in front~~ occupied
by Elder Elijah Fordham I occupied it by permission of Mr Wilbourn. I also assisted Br Fordham in moving his goods
Montrose is now inhabited by all classes of people about one half are new members of the Church the remainder of
the people are a mixture of all classes the most of them are eastern men there is however a small number of
Missourians there is a man by the name of Camel who is a desperado reckless of all law & consequences which
makes much trouble in the place Doct ~~Galla~~ GALLAND & Mr Wilbourn are the principle owners of the place

May 21st 1839

May 21st I spent this day very pleasently I rose out on a land excursion in viewing the territory for several miles in the
the regions around Montrose our Company consisted of seven persons viz the first Presidency Joseph, Sidney & Hiram
three of the Twelve Brigham George & willford one of the Seventy Br Bates Nobles & also Brother Elias Higby making
the eight person Brother Nobles prepared a dinner for the Company. we traveled over the most beautiful
Country I ever saw mostly prairie but some timber Br Joseph's horse ran with him with great speed on the
prairie about a quarter of a mile before he stoped him. The Company returned across the river to Commerce about
4 oclock PM it was about ¼ mile across the Missisippi river from Commerce to Montrose. at about the close of
the day a circumstance happned that was not so pleasant Br Joseph B Nobles was plowing a peace for a garden that
he had got of Mr Kilbourn & before he had finished the peace of ground Campbell & his clan came down with
their clubs & took his horses by the bits & ordered him off from the ground Campbell had no right there it was
1 miles
only a mob spirit Br Nobles left the ground to keep the peace
22 I wrote a long letter to my parents & Sister in Connecticut I wrote a short poem in it upon
the death of Br Asahel (or he is called such) Behold the signs of the times a mob man by the name of rocky mountain
commenced pulling down a long barn in Montrose at the garrisson, the people of Mr Bootbe
issued a warrent against him & he armed himself drew his pistol upon the officer & would not be taken
the Sheriff summons a number of men to assist him in taking the man but they refused to serve, he next
summonds myself & Bishop Ripley I immediately mounted a horse & followed the criminal into the woods
we overtook him in a thicket of bushes & compelled him to surrender he was taken to court & fined
23d Elder Brigham Young moved into the room with me in Commerce
24th Five of the quorum of the Twelve were at my house we took a walk into the prairie visited about 20
mounds saw the grave of a Lamanite Chief returned home & spent the night
25th I crossed the river with the Twelve to Commerce I.L. & spent the day in Council with Joseph
we had a very important & Interesting time. we received much Council from Joseph. Brother Wm
Smith was restored to his quorum. The Council held until night we returned to Montrose & spent
the night at home
2 miles

May 26th 1839

May 26 Sunday I crossed the river to commerce & attended meeting at the house of Brother Joseph's Elder O. Pratt preached & was followed by Elder John Taylor we returned home & spent the night & 5 mil

27th I spent the day in writing

28 Elder Brigham Young moved from my room four rods south. The man called Rocky mountain aided By another man again commenced pulling down the long barn they commit about $2 cc dollars damage before they left it Mr Boothe went to Fort Madison to obtain a warrant & an officer to take him

29th I copied the minutes of the general Council held in Quincy Ill on the 4th of May 1839 & 5 r

See May 4 when this Council was held.

COUNCIL

Minutes of a general Conference held by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the presbyterians camp ground near Quincy Adams County Illinois on saturday the 4th of May 1839

At eleven oclock the meeting was called to order and President Joseph Smith jr. appointed Chairman

A hymn was then sung when President Smith made a few observations on the state of his own peculiar feelings after having been so long seperated from his brethren &c. &c & then proceded to open the meeting by prayer when after some preliminary remarks by Elder J. P. Green & President Rigdon Concerning a certain ~~piece of~~ purchase of land in the Iowa Territory made for the Church by the Presidency. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted. 1st Resolved that Almond Babbit, Erastus Snow, & Robert B. Thomson be appointed a traveling Committee to gather up & obtain all the libellious reports & Publications which have been circulated against our Church as well as the historical matter connected with said church which they can possibly obtain. 2d Resolved that Bishop Knights be appointed or received into the church in full Bishopric. 3d Resolved that this conference does entirely sanction the purchase lately made for the church in the Iowa Territory as also the agency thereof. 4th Resolved that Elder Granger be appointed to go to Kirtland & take the charge and oversight of the house of the Lord and preside over the general affairs of the church in that place 5th Resolved that the advice of this conference to the brethren living in the eastern States is for them to move to Kirtland and vicinity thereof and again settle that place as a stake of Zion provided that they may feel so inclined in preference of going further west

6th Resolved that George A Smith ~~be ordained to the place of Thomas B Marsh as one of the twelve~~ acknowled as one of the Twelve Apostles
7th Resolved that this Conference are entirely satisfied with and do give their sanction to the proceedings of the Conference of the Twelve and their friends held on the Temple Spot at Far West Missouri on Friday the 26th of April last. 8th Resolved that we also sanction the act of the Council held same date at same place in cutting off from the Communion of said Church certain persons mentioned in the minutes thereof. 9th Resolved that Elder Orson Hide & Wm Smith be allowed the privilege of appearing personally before the next general Conference of the Church to give an account of their conduct & that in the meantime they be both suspended from exercising the functions of their office. 10th Resolved that the Conference do sanction the mission intended by the Twelve to England and that they will do all in their power to enable them to go. 11th Resolved that that the subject of Elder Rigdon's going to Washington be adjourned until tomorrow 12th Resolved that the next general Conference be held on the first Saturday in October next at Commerce at the house of Elder Rigdon
13th That we now adjourn until tomorrow at 10 oclock. Joseph Smith Jr President. J. Mulholland Clerk
Saturday the fifth met according to adjournment at 10 A.M. meeting or Conference opened as usual by prayer Singing &c. when it was resolved that this Conference do send a delegate to the City of Washington to lay our case before the general Government and that President Rigdon be appointed to that office.
2d Resolved that Almond Babbit be sent to Springfield Ill clothed with authority & required to set to rights the Church in that place in every way which may become necessary according to the order of the Church of Jesus Christ. 3d Resolved that Col Lyman Wight be appointed to receive the affidavits which are to be sent to the City of Washington, after which the afternoon was spent in hearing instruction from the Presidency & those of the Twelve present when at 5 oclock P.M. Conference adjurned according to the resolution of Saturday viz Until the first Saturday in October next at Commerce Illinois

Joseph Smith Jr Chairman
James Mulholland Clerk

May 30th I The spirit of mobocracy increases in Montrose & the Town & I spent the day carring & Chopping wood
31 I spent the day writing. I purchased a Cow of Mr Stebbins with a Calf a week old & paid $22. Collect for the same
June 1 I wrote a lengthy letter to Brother Joseph F Carter
2d Sunday the spirit of the mob or of a lawless bandity was manifest this morning. one was walking
in front of our houses with his drawn sword while others were riding on horsback with flags
strung upon poles crying out the mormons are despised, &c & also threatning the lives of others
7th I spent the week with my family in Montrose nothing of great Interest transpired during the time follows
8th I Received a Recommend from the first Presidency to go to the Nations of the Earth. that reads as

Recommendation

To the Saints Scattered abroad, to the Nations of Europe, and to the World

Be it known unto you that Elder Willford Woodruff is fully authorized to Preach the
Gospel of Jesus Christ & his testimony can be relied on, he is a man of unexceptionable character,
and received his authority & Priesthood from under the hands of the Residincy authorities of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who was called by actual revelation from God
therefore God will bless him and bear record by his power thereby Confirming his word & ministry
thus testifieth your humble Servents

Sidney Rigdon
Hyrum Smith
Joseph Smith jr

Quincy Ill
June 3rd 1839

June 10th I wrote a letter to Br Seth Utley at Chalfs level Benton County Tenn
16th Sunday President S. Rigdon Preached in Montrose, Lee County Iowa Territory
to a large Congregation, from Acts 20ch 20, 21.v.
17th I wrote a letter to Elder M. Holmes. I am spending these days at home with my family
& preparing to go on my mission to England.

ON the first of June there was a Conference held in Quincy principly for the benefit of the Seventies Joseph was president of the meeting, & the Seventies learned that it was not the will of God that they should appoint or have a Committy or Committies to take care of their poor &c. but that Bishops were the authorities that God had appointed for that purpose & that they should procede according to that order & they did so & gave up the Committy which they had appointed

20th I am quite out of health this day. I had an interview with five of the quorum of the Twelve. We feel & believe that it is the most important period & age of the world of any since man was upon the earth. we read with much interest the history of Israel in trauling from Egypt to Canaan & search with interest the prophesies of Isaiah & all the prophets in the Bible the stick of Judah. But if possible there is feelings of greater interest vibrating our bosoms on reading the Book of Mormon the stick of Joseph in the hands of Ephraim to behold the faith manifest of Lehi, Nephi, Alma, Mormon, & Moroni & many others I might name who obtained a promise of the Lord by faith that blessings should rest upon there seed in the last days. And we now behold the Lamanites in these last days. still wandering about among the gentiles cast down & dejected with nothing more than a blanket upon their naked bodies & without the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ or a knowledge of there forefathers. But blessed be God for he hath promised them a blessing in these last days even the blessings of the Everlasting gospel & it is now to speedily come upon them as not many days hence will show.

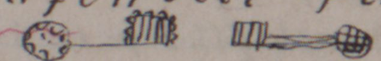
JOSEPH. The Lamanites

June 25 1839

June 25 I spent the day in Montros with the Twelve there being Six of the quorum present. Orson Hide was one of the number. & a more humble & penitant man I never saw, & well he might be for in the time of the persecution in Zion or far west, he deserted the Cause, denyed the faith, & betrayed his brethren, & assisted Thomas B. Marsh (the president of the Twelve Apostles) in jeperdizing the lives of Joseph & his Council & the whole Church in Zion & The blood of the whole of them would have been shed if they had not been spared by the immediate hand of God. Brother Hide for several months past has had a deep sceense of his high handed wickedness & the horrors of hell has roll'd o'er his soul even to the wasting of his flesh & he has now humbled himself in the dust desiring to return to the Church. The manner that O. Hide & T. B Marsh Jeopardized the Church was by bearing fals testimony against the presidency & the Church before the authorities of the State of Missouri which was a leading cause of the Governour's calling out thirty thousand of the Militia against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints & when the Militia came out against the Church Col George M. Hinkle (an Elder in the church & the one that led the Saints as they went out to stand in their own defence) sold the presidency & the whole church into the hands of the Malitia which were determined on taking our lives, yea Hinkle proved one of the worst of traitors that ever occupied a standing on earth yet the Lord delivered his Saints & Blessed be his name

26 I Crossed the river with the Twelve to Commerce & spent the day in Council with the Twelve & two of the Presidency Joseph was not present the Subject of Br Hide was discused, President Rigdon expressed his opinion very plain & forcably, he said he feared that if Br Hide returned to his quorum that when the next trial came he would desert the church as he had done before but said if it was the will of God he was willing that Br Hide should return to his quorum. Interesting remarks were made from Ephe 1ch 17. 18 verses. But more esspecially from St. John XIVch 15 to 31 vers the other Comforter Note the 23. v. & C.

June 27th 1839

June 27th I spent the day in Commerce in Council with the Presidency & Twelve we had an interesting day Joseph was president of the Council Brother Orson Hide was restored to the Church and the quorum of the Twelve in full fellowship by a full vote of the Council. after making an humble confession & acknowledgement of his sins &C  Among the vast number of the Keys of the Kingdom of God Joseph presented the following one to the Twelve for there benefit in there experience & travels in the flesh which is as follows. In order to detect the devel when he transforms himself nigh unto an angel of light. When an angel of God appears unto man face to face in personage & reaches out his hand unto the man, the takes hold of the angels hand & feels a substance the same as one man would in shaking hands with another he may then know that it is an angel of God. & he should place all Confidence in him Such personages or angels are Saints with there resurrected Bodies, but if a personaged appears unto man & offers him his hand & the man takes hold of it & he feels nothing or does not sens any substance he may know it is the devel, for when a Saint whose body is not resurrected appears unto man in the flesh he will not offer him his hand for this is against the law given him & in keeping in mind these things we may deter the devil that he deceived us not.

2d Spent the day at home in writing. yesterday I let the Bishops have my forty acre lot in far west Mo I deeded the lot to a man by the name of Blefens in payment of the landing point four miles South of the garrison in Montroge

30th 3 wrote a letter to Sister Lydia Luce Sunday met in Montrose & broake bread with the Church. three of the Twelve were present & bore testimony

July 1st 3 I wrote a letter to Sister Sal'ah Milliken. & made some boxes &C.

2d THIS was an interesting day. The first Presidency Joseph & his Council Came across the river to Montrose to spend the day with the Twelve to bless them & their families before they left for other Nations. In the fore part of the day we rode four miles down the river to see the place called Blefens point—where the Saints expected to build a town, Joseph pronounced it good & we returned. the whole Company dined at my dwelling. Consisting of about Twelve persons after dinner we all assembled at

July 2nd 1839

Elder Brigham Young house for meeting President Hiram Smith opened the meeting by prayer after which the Presidency lade their hands upon my head & sealed a blessing upon me President Rigdon being speaker they also sealed a blessing upon the head of Elders George A Smith & Turley. Also upon the head of Sister Young Sister Tailor & my wife. If we were faithful we had the promise of again returning to the bosom of our families & being blesed on our mission & having many Souls as seals of our ministry. After the blessings were bestowed Brother Hiram Smith arose & gave the The Twelve Some intereering advice and Council Considering it best to say nothing but repentance to this generation or at least to preach the first principles of the gospel as that was as much as this generation could endure & many other things he said of interest. Then Joseph arose & presented some precious things of the kingdom untous in the power of the Holy Ghost, yea precious principles that ought to be engraven upon our hearts & practiced in our lives, some of which are as follows. Ever keep in exercise the principles of mercy & be ready to forgive our brother on the first intimations of repentance & asking forgiveness & should we even forgive our brother or our enemy before they ask it our heavenly father would be equally as merciful untous, & also we ought to be willing to repent of & confess all of our own sins & keep nothing back, & let the Twelve be humble & not be exalted & beware of pride & not seek to excell one above another but act for each others good & honerably make mention of each others name in our prayrs before the Lord & before our fellow men, & not backbite & devour our brother. Why will not man learn wisdom by precept & example at this late age of the world & not be obliged to learn every thing we know by sad experiance. Must the new ones that are chosen to fill the places of those that are fallen of the quorum of the Twelve, begin to exhalt themselves until they get so high that they will tumble over & have a great fall & go wallowing through the mud, mire, & darkness & be as like to the buffatings of Satan as several of the Twelve have done, or will they learn wisdom & be wise (O God give them wisdom & keep them humble I pray) When the Twelve or any other witness of Jesus Christ stands befor the congregation of the earth & they preach in the power & demonstration of the Holy Ghost & the people are astonished & confounded at the doctrin & say that that man has preached a powerful discours a great sermon then let that man or those men take care that they do not ascribe the glory unto themselves but be careful that they are humble & ascribe the praise & glory to God & the Lamb for it is by the power of the

Holy Priesthood & the Holy Ghost that they have power thus to speak. July 4th 1839
What art thou O man but dust & from whom dost thou received thy power & blessings but from God, then O ye Twelve notice this Key & be wise for Christ sake & your own souls sake. Ye are not sent out to be taught but to teach let every man be sober be vigilent & let all his words be seasoned with grace & keep in mind that it is a day of warning & not of many words. Act honest before God & man beware of gentile sophestry such as bowing & scraping unto men in whom you have no confidence be honest- open & frank in all your intercourse with mankind
O ye Twelve and all saints, profit by this important Key that in all your trials troubles & temptations, afflictions bonds imprisionment & death see to it that you do not betray heaven that you do not betray Jesus Christ: that you do not betray your Brethren, & that you do not betray the revelations of God whether in the bible, Book of Mormon, or Doctrine & Covenants or any of the word of God: yea in all your kicking & floundering see to it that you do not this thing lest innocent blood be found in your skirts & you go down to hell. We may ever know by this sign that there is danger of our being led to a fall & apostacy, when we give way to the devil so as to neglect the first known duty but whatever you do do not betray your Friend]
July 4th I spent this day of Independance in assisting Brethern Young & Taylor in preparing a peace for the first paper or NO of the Times & Seasons published in Commerce
I received a letter from Sister Eunice dated June 15th I spent the day in aranging my trunk, Clothes, Books &C to prepare for my mission to England
7th Sunday this is an important day & worthy of record because of the important scenes which transpired as follows. I crossed the Mississippi river in the ferry boat with Mrs Woodruff in Company with two of the Twelve & about one hundred Saints which went to Commerce from Mon- rose to attend a meeting that the Twelve might deliver their farewell address before they left for England. when we arived at the place of meeting Elder John E. Page was speaking he occupied the stand in the forepart of the day & spoke much upon the proof of the book of Mormon in the afternoon brother John Taylor spoke & bore testimony also of the things of God I followed

him in testimony & rejoiced in having the privilege of once more addressing the body of the church Brother Orson Hide followed me & he had the spirit of the Lord. Brother Brigham Young next spoke & also bore testimony in the Spirit. We was then addressed by President S. Rigdon & his address was peculiarly adapted to the circumstances of the Twelve taking their leave of all they hold dear on earth & so forth from their own nation & stand before the kings & rulers of the nations of the earth to bear testimony unto them of the fulness of the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ his address was of such a nature in appealing to our affections, in parting with our wives, and children, & the peculiarity of our mission, the perils that we might meet with, & the blessings that we should receive, &c. that tears was brought from many eyes. Joseph addressed us in few words & says remember brethren that if you are imprisiond Brother Joseph has been imprisiond before you, if you are placed where you can owinly see your Brethren through the grates of a window while in Irons because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ remember Brother Joseph has been in like circumstances also after other similar remarks the meeting closed & three persons were Baptized & Confirmed which ended the duties of the day.

REFLECTIONS Surely this is an important day to behold a quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Lamb of God organized in these last days to go forth unto all the nations of the Earth to prune the vineyard once more for the last time that the Saints may be prepared for the second of Christ & that Israel may be gathered & Babylon fall & the earth once more cleansed from its pollutions & wickedness swept from the face thereof ☞ May the Lord enable us the Twelve ever to be meek & humble & to lie passive in his hands as the clay is in the hands of the potter & may we ever realize that while we are in the service of God & doing his will, that though we may be surrounds by mobs & threatened with death that the Lord is our deliverer & that he will support us in every time of trouble & trial

July 8th 1839

July 8th I spent in writing: 9th. I regulated my trunks & set my house in order for my Journey. I wrote a letter to Elder John Herret & sent him the Prospectes
10th I Crossed the River saw some Lamanites. I spent the day in ~~Montrose~~ Commerce with Joseph & some of the Twelve in aranging a selection of Hymns for the Choir &
11. I rode out with Phebe & Brother & Sister Smoot 4 miles west of mont rose across a beautiful prairie to a plantation of Brother Hawleys. he was breaking prairie & has a fair prospect of having a plantation of the first order distance 8m
12 I crossed the river with Brother Taylor in a canoe to upper Commerce assisted in looking over the proof sheet of the first number of the Times & Seasons. we then had an interview with the Presidency & also with Elder Kimble we went into the River & had a bathe. We was Called upon to visit the sick & administer unto them by the laying on of hands we found quite a number that were sick several received a blessings & while administering in Spiritual things Joseph Called upon the Twelve To call & visit Father Smith & lay hands upon him that he might be healed for he was sick & nigh unto death we lade hands upon him & he received a blessing the thought struck me that the Lord would add unto his life fifteen years. & to close the scenes of this day. we received the glorious intelligence of the happy deliverence of PARLEY P. PRATT from Prision where he had been Confined Seven months for the cause of God, Brother Morris Phelps was also delivered with Parley. they delivered themselves on the fourth day of July about the setting of the Son by running over the Jailor & escaping out of their hands by mounting some horses that were prepared for that purpose by Orson Pratt, Sister Phelps & others. they were closely persued by the mob & narrowly escaped by leaving behind them their horses Saddles bridles & hats & arrived in Quincy on the 10th of July making Six days on the road. they are now all liberated but two persons viz Aaron Foller & Lyman Gibbs. Aaron Foller got out of Prision with Parley but was recaken. may the remainder soon be delivered & Pray. But Blessed be the Lord God for his mercy in delivering the Saints from prision &c. &
is 64 years of age this day

July 13th 1839

July 13th I spent the day in writing

19th I have been called upon to visit the sick many times during the last few days & administer unto them by the laying on of hands for their is many of the Saints that are sick. I Crosse the river this morning with Elder Taylor. we visited father Joseph Smith sen & found him still very sick we prayed with him & layed hands upon him & he received a blessing. & after traveling about two miles further, I had the happy privilge of once more taking Elder P. P. PRATT by the [illegible] hand, & also O Pratt & Ebeber Kimble. Br Parley had just arived at Commerce from Zoar in Boon County Mo where he had been confined about 4 months for the cause of Jesus Christ. I was truly glad to see him, in a short time Joseph & Hiram & others soon rode up to see Parley & in fine it was a happy meeting I returned home to Montrose feeling thankful to God for his deliverance

20 I spent the day

22 Joseph was in Montrose & it was a day of Gods power there was many Sick among the Saints on both sides of the river & Joseph went through the midst of them taking them by the hand & in a loud voice Commanding them in the name of Jesus Christ to arise from their beds & be made whole & they leaped from their beds made whole by the power of God Elder Elijah Fordham was one among the number & he with the rest of the Sick rose from his bed & followed Joseph from house to house & it was truly a time of rejoicing

25th On this day for the first time in my life I have an attack'd of the Chills & fefer & I find it a distressing dissease a number of the quorum of the Twelve are taken ill the enemy is striving to bind us down that we shall not go into the vineyard

29 My chills & fever still Continues I took a course of Thompsonian medicine to clens my System I took 3 emetics & steamed 15 minutes I thought this would do for one day, I was very sick

Aug 3d 1839

Aug 3rd I Received a paper from Brother Wm F Carter in the City of New York
4th Sundy I attended a meeting of prayer & fasting in Commerce Joseph gave us good advice
6th I still have the fever ague every other day. I in company with Mrs Woodruff rode
on horsback 4 miles west across the prairie into Brother Hawleys settlement to see our
babe Sarah E at Brother Smoots where we had sent her for her health & also to look out
a location for a building Spot for my family while I am gone to England as the friends in that
neighbourhood offer to take care of my family while I am gone. And after spending a
few hours with them I took the parting hand with them & among the rest our little Sarah
Shook hands with me I shall not see her any more until I return from England may
the LORD bless her I pray & preserve her in health until I return that I may see
her in the flesh 6m
7th I spent the day in preparing to leave home to go on my long mission to England. I make
a sacrafice of my all for Christ Sake to do his work. It is no small trial of faith to leave
my family & my all & to start on a mission of four thousand miles to preach the Gospel
to the nations of the earth & that to without money purs or scrip with the power of disease
resting upon me even a shock of the fever & ague every other day but yet I go this freely
for Christ Sake trusting in him for the recompence of reward May the Lord give me
grace according my day & a safe return to my family which favor I ask in the name of
Oct 4th 1839 JESUS CHRIST Early on this important morning I took my departure from the embraces of my Companion to go on my mission She parted
with me with that fortitude that becometh a Saint realizing the call & responsibility of her companion. Phebe farewell, Be of good cheer Remember me in your prayers especially as the
Sun sets in the western horizon I leave these pages for your careful perusal while I am
gone. I shall see thy face again in the flesh. I am gone to obey the Command of JESUS CHRIST

Aug 9th 1839

The time had come for me to take my departure from my family to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of Europe in fulfill ment of the commands of God. Accordingly I left a parting blessing with my wife & took my farewell of her & other Saints on the morn of the 9th day of Aug 1839 & left Montrose & crossed the Missisipi river for the purpose of commencing my mission of about six thousand miles & I started without purs or scrip and that to with the fever & ague resting upon me every other day. I left in company with Elder John Taylor. We were the first of the quorum of the Twelve that left Nauvoo on this important but the rest expect to follow us immediately. We rode from Commerce across a 16 mile prairie & spent the night at Br Merills distance of the day 14th

Aug 10th rode 10 miles to Brother Perkins we passed through Carthage & spent the day at Br Perkins until 12 oclock during which time I was suffering under the power of the ague & fever & immediately after the fever came upon me I got into the waggon with Br Perkins & rode to Mr Comb from thence to Br Carloss Smiths this was over a rough road of 25 miles & I truly suffered much this day it seemed as though I should shake to pieces in the waggon with a heavy fever upon me I spent the night in Company with Br Taylor at Br Carloss Smiths. I Commenced taking 35 to a box of Sappingtons Antifever pills which are so highly recommended for the ague & fever as I do not wish to carry the disease any further with me. I attended meeting in the grove Elder Taylor Preached I followed him. Although I was weak in body. yet the Lord strengthened me. I spent the night with Br Carlos Smith

11th This is my day to be sick with the Ague & fever according to its usual course but blessed be the Lord I have escaped it this day. I have taken 14 of the Sappingtons pills & they have entirely broken the ague entirely to all appearance. I attended meeting in the grove & heard a discours from Elder John Taylor D.C. Smith & Samuel Smith & Communed with the Saints and inasmuch as we were without purs or scrip. they contributed to our necessities to the amount of $9.

Aug 13th 1839

Mr George Miller offered himself for Baptism after meeting. I rode to McComb from thence to Father John Coltrins & spent the night. I was weak & feeble with the exercises of the day distressed in Aug 12th Br Taylor Baptized Mr Miller I spent the day with Br Sebastos Coltrin. I am gaining in Strength & spent the night at Br John Vance

13 I am still gaining strength I feel thankful unto the Lord for his mercies unto me in this thing I spent the day at Coltrins. We have now concluded to accompany Father Coltrin by land who is going with a two horse waggon to Ohio & has offered to carry us which will assist us somuch on our journey

14 Br George Miller gave us a horse & we started on our journey travelled to the Illinois river & crossed the river at Beardstown & continued 4 miles through the sand & spent the night with Mr Dow

15 Passed through Virginia from thence to Springfield and attended meeting with the Saints. I addressed the Church in few words & was followed by Elder Taylor. I felt wearied with my journey as I had ownly partially renewed my strength distance of the day 40 miles

16 Elder Taylor engaged a printer at Springfield to print fifteen hundred Copies of a brief sketch in pamphlet form of the persecutions & sufferings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by the inhabitants of the State of Missouri I spent the day in Springfield

17 I rode to Rochester with Father Coltrin and once more had an interview with some of our fox Island friends. We stoped at Mr Carvers. I was pleased with an interview with Mother and Sister Carver but especially with Br & Sister Thomas who had arived at Rochester since I left. I had not seen him since we parted in Indiana last winter. I also saw Sister Brown who was called to mourn the loss of her husband and oldest daughter. Sister Brown was perfectly resigned I spent the night with Br Thomas 4 miles

18 I preached the funeral Sermon of the wife of Br Jemima Draper who died at Rock- Mr on Saturday the 17th Aug aged 22 years Brother Charles Brown and his Daughter Rebecca both died on the eve of the 6th day of Aug 1839 Br Brown died at 11 oclock & Rebecca at 12

and were buried the next day both in one grave. I accompanied the corps of Sister Draper
to the grave. I had an interview with most all of the Fox Island friends I spent the night with Elder
19th I spent most of the day visiting the Saints I rode to Mr J Coons at my old habitation Stephens Pa
I had some peculiar feelings while visiting the place. I next visited Br Outercark & Sister Smith
& their families. Br Smith had gone east on a mission number of these families were sick I
laid hands upon 6 of them & asked the Lord to heal them. Sister Brown was present she
accompanied me to the grave of her husband & Daughter: I then went to the house where she
resided with Br the rest. I spent several hours with them. I left a blessing with Sister Brown
her children, & Br Wilcox & family. I then returned to Br Stephens from thence to Mr Alleys
and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ unto a Congregation I was strengthened in Body &
mind many were offended on parting with me. I returned to Elder Wm Drapers spent the night
20 I was suddenly called upon in the morning to return to Springfield to attend an [illegible]in
Elders Court accordingly I returned to Springfield and met with the Council of Elders all
-ed for A. M Elder John Taylor prefered a Charge against Elder Almon Babit for rejecting his
teaching in Public which it was correct & for other improper Conduct I was called to the
Chair & opened the meeting by prayer. We had the testimony on the Subject & with
other remarks the day was occupied until the sitting of the Sun. the Testimony was given
Elder Babbit & he finally made a Confession & the Subject was settled. We had much other
matter to perform & but little time to do it in. Elder Taylor settled with the printer. & we
sold our horse saddle & bridle for $23. dollars & we had some donations made us by the Saints
to assist us on our Journeys we took the parting hand with the Saints & rode to Rochester
& spent the night with Br Nathaniel Thomas I wrote a letter to Mrs Woodruff & requested
her to write me in Buffalo & New York.

Distance 16 mile

Aug 19th 1839

Aug 21st 1839

21st I parted with Mr Carver & family & Br & Sister Thomas & left Rochester & rode to the end of the seven mile prairie & stoped several hours as father Coltrin was very sick from thence we rode to Br Chenis's & spent the night distance of the day 24 miles

22d We crossed a twelve mile prairie & ~~stoped several hours~~ also a fourteen mile prairie we found the flies bad upon the horses we spent the night at the house of Mr Shaws on the main branch of the Okaw an indian name & (a hebrew) frase distance of the day 40

23 Crossed one eighteen mile prairie & took breakfast & then rode across the fourteen mile to Paris from thence to Mr G. Moke & spent the night distance of the day 40

24th We left the state of Illinois & passed into the State of Ia. We crossed the Wabash & spent the day & night with Dr Modesett a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, I was much fatigued & had a fever. I had an interview during the evening with a Mr Adams that had been a Constant Companion of Br Asahels for several years & appeared to be the most capable of giving me a Correct account Concerning him in every point of view, of any man in the West. He informed me that in the main point he was very steady & temperate in his habits, & did not believe in the principle of white lying or misrepresenting in order to carry on his business or merchantdize, he got along well in his business & intill the last year of his life, he had bought a large quantity of Books & they did not sell as well as he expected & he was not able to meet all of his payments, this was a source of much regret to him & the main Cause of his esstate becoming insolvent. During the last year of his life he manifested a desire to more fully improve his mind than he ever had done. he read many of Thomas Paine's writing & they more fully esstablished him in the gospel of Jesus Christ although Paines writings were against the gospel. Asahel Considerd his writings eisily to be refuted. As ahel was more free to open his mind to Mr Adams than any other man Consequently he was more capable of judging of his views & feelings upon spiritual subjects he informed me that his mind was deeply ingaged in the subject of the faith of the latter Day Saints. At first he said but little about it but before his

ASAHEL WOODRUFF

death he warmly contended for the principles & defended the cause of the Latter Day Saints when it was assailed. Asahel (in one sens of the word) was not himself but another man during the last four months of his life he was absent minded & overwhelmed in deep study & thought for hours together at times he would ride half a day beside Mr Adams & not utter a word, & at other times he would speak to him two or three times before he would notice him or speak to him. he lost his former cheerfulness & during these four months he more frequently spoke of his friends & relatives than before especially myself & most of father's family. he was making preperation to go east & was owing hendered by his sickness & death. He frequently spoke of Death & of the uncertainty of life. he was a teacher in the Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church for a length of time in Terr Haute though not a member of the Church. by any means. He had frequently argured against the principles of Dancing Schools, but got to attend a part of a quarter during this peculiar state of mind and also some parties. But Mr Adams thought he would not have done it if he had been perfectly himself. Mr Adams was absent from Terre Haute During Asahel's Sickness and Death Selling Books for him, Asahel wrote him two letters And Mr Adams judging from the contents of these letters that he was evidently growing worse, immediately returned to Terre Haute & on his arival found that Asahel Hart Woodruff one of his most intimate & best friends on earth was dead & buried. He immediately inquired into his Sickness & death and he thinks he would have been more Comfortable if he could have been in a private family & been kept from exposing himself to Cold and damp air as he was in some degree while under the operation of medicine. Mr Adams also confirmed the statement that his loss was deeply felt in the west by all of his acquaintance & that those peculiar traits which Asahel possessed that interested so many in the east had the same effect in the west. Asahel maintained that the cause of the Latter Day Saints was worthy of a thorough investigation & ought to be carefully searched into. Mr Adams was in Asahels employ untill his death & at the administrators Sale he purchased $1000. dollars worth of his books, & is now supplying Asahels former Customers. Mr Adams gave me

Augt 25th 1839

some letters dictated by Asahel to him distance of the day 20 miles
25th Sunday I was exceeding feeble & weak & the weather was hot & it had an effect upon me the
Thermometer stood 90 in the shade 112 in the sun. I walked to the Grave Yard to visit Br Asahel's grave
it exhausted me much. I spent the day at the doctors. I wrote 2 letters one to sister Sarah B Foss & the
other to sister Eunice I had a very restless night
26th I rode out of Terre Haute 6 miles to Mr John Coltrins & spent the night I felt some better in
health. I mailed John Taylors Pamphlets to the following Persons Ezra Carter son Ezra Carter Mr
Sarah B Foss. Luther Seammans. Col Solomon Copeland of Seth Utley. Aymon Woodruff. 5 m
27th We passed through Stilesville, Bellville & Bridgeport & spent the night with Mr Jesse Coombs 31.
28th We rode through Williamstown & pleasant garden & other towns & spent the night 33
~~29th~~ Elder Taylor had a poor turn & fainted to the ground he soon recovered & was well at evening
29th We passed through Indianapolis the Capitol of the State rode two miles & stoped. But this was
a gloomy day to my soul & body both. The enemy made a powerful grasp upon the life of Elder
John Taylor he fainted several times & it seemed as though he would die, we were obliged to stop
we called for a few hours in a house by the way side, we then took him into the waggon & drove
to Elder Eldridge & spent the day nursing Elder Taylor he took a Course of Thompsonian medicine 10
30. Father Coltrin exchanged horses with Elder Eldridge. Br Taylor & Br Eldridge have 100 of his pamph-
-lets & through the mercy of God Elder Taylor with the rest of us was enabled to start on our
Journey. We passed through Cumberland. Greenfield, Mountstown, Middletown, & to Louisville & once
more had the privilege of seeing the family of Elder James Townsend, was not at home himself
we spent the night with his family. Elder Taylor & myself was both about sick for we had rode
40 m
40 miles over a rough road & we were terribly shaken in our weak state
31. We still felt disposed to try to continue our Journey we passed through Cambridge & Dublin
at which place Elder Taylor procured some medicine of Dr Farnham he was very sick we
Continued to Germantown & was obliged to stop & spend the day & night in Consequence of

Elder Taylors sickness he suffered much he appears now to have the billious fever settelled upon him I felt quite ill myself this was a dark + gloomy day may the Lord have mercy upon us + not suffer our way to be hedged up I pray 14m

Sept 1st 1839 This is the first day of fall Sunday. Elder Taylor felt much better we concluded to spend the day in the place + preach to the people. It was a german settlement. I delivard unto them a discourse on the first principles of the gospel + other subjects Elder Taylor followed me + spoke untill he was quite exhausted not realizing his bodily weakness. + I becam chilled myself + returned to Mr Waltz Inn + I immediately was taken with a shake of th ague + was follow by a high fever which lasted me mostly through the night 98

2d This was a painful day to my feelings in some respect. Elder Taylor is worse has a high billious fever and cannot journey, it is now evident, that he will have a course of the fever. Father Coltrin is to continue his journey + Elder Taylor is to be left + it was painful to think of parting with him + leave him sick a thing I should not do was I able to take care of him myself, but as my health would not permit of this being very feeble in body. Elder Taylor advised me to continue my journey with father Coltrin + make the best of my way to New York accordingly I did so. And after committing him to God I took the parting hand with him + left him in Germantown Wayne County Indiana, in the hands of a merciful God + a kind + benevolent family, who promised to do every thing in their power to make him comfortable untill his recovery which I have full confidence to believe they will do. The place is within 12 miles of Elder Haines Townsend in Louisville. We rode from Mr Waltz in to Richmond + out of the State of Indiana into the State of Ohio. I passed through the town of Eaton where my wife suffered much (as we journied west last winter) with the brain fever. I noted the house in particular where we spent four days it which place Mrs Woodruff was healed by faith + the power of God. We passed through Eaton + spent the night at Mr David Hoaks

distance of the day 45

Sept 3d

Sept 3d 1839

I rode through Dayton 14 miles to Springfield 24 miles to Brition 13 & put up for the night at the Inn of Mr Buckharts. I am again delivered from the ague & fever I have had none of it since the shake on Sunday distance 24 miles

4th We rode to Columbus the Capitol of the State of Ohio here we left the National road & Continued to Blandon & spent the night at the inn of Osborn where Mrs Woodruff was taken sick. I spent the night 41

5 Passed through Mount Vernon & spent the night at Monroe distance of the day 41

6 Passed through ~~Jackson~~ Wooster & Mt Vandanville & spent the night at the Inn of Wm Elliot 41

7 Passed through Jackson & Guilford & Brunswick & to Stronsville here Father Coltrins Sons & Daughters resided & they met together to day & there was much rejoicing on their return which ends my journey with them I spent the night with Br P Body 30

8th I spent the day at Br P Bodies I wrote a lengthy letter to Br Thompson Woodruff & requested him to write to me at New York

9th I spent the day at Br Colerins folding my Pamphlets I found on Counting them that had 460 of Elder Taylor pamphlets that I received from him spent the night with P Body

10th I left Stronsville & rode with Father Coltrin to Cleveland & went on board the Robert Fulton bound for Buffaloo we had a severe gale and a very rough lake most all were sick on board we run into Fairport & spent the night amid a hard storm 47

11 The Storm Continues & the lake foams with such violence that we could not move out into the harbor with any degree of safety it was a dull day to me while crouded in the midst of deck passengers

12 The Captain left the harbor with his boat at 6 oclock AM the wind still was high & the lake rough through the day we could not make any harbor untill we reached Buffalo which was at midnight, the steamboat run into a Schooner while entering a harbour which tore the Janway founders to atoms of the Fulton & instantly broke off the fibboom of the Schooner. But I was truly glad to reach Buffalo after lying three days & nights from Cleveland to Buffalo 163

13th I took passage at Buffaloe for Albany on board the Col Worth on the Erie Canal at 1½ cent per mile
for 365 miles to Albany we rode to Lockport 90 miles 90
14 Rode to Palmira near the place where the book of Mormon was found I was sick with the
Chills & fever distance of the day 50
15 Rode to Canton we had four preachers of the sects on board of the boat they spoke of the
Book of Mormon & misrepresented it & also the Character of the Saints I had the Chills &
& fever to day was feable in body 56
16 Rode to Sary cuse to Rome & had the chills & fever to day 60
17 Rode to Utica & to fort Plain had chills & fever 53
18th Rode to the Aqueduct I had an exceeding sick day of chills & fever & faintness distance 54
19 Rode to Albany mostly through Rocks I had fever & ague was feable I called at the Hartford
and Albany Stage house & took Stage at 10 oclock in the evening & rode all night & Medicine returned 64
20 Rode to Avon & spent the night with aunt wheeler I suffered much in the Stage with ague
21 Rode from Avon to Farmington Conn & once more had the happy privilege of beholding 70
A father mother & Sister in the flesh face to face & spent the day at fathers house I had no
Chills or fever to day but spent the day pleasantly 6 miles
22 Sunday spent the day at fathers house & in the evening I took a walk with Sister Eunice
to Mr Chauncy Hills he had lost his wife Mary Ann was much out of health 2
23. 24 & 25 I spent the time at Father Woodruffs I was still quite ill I had an interview with
26 I rode with Mother & Aunt Bulah to Uncle Adnah Carts & we found Adna (Aunt Bulah)
Sick & nigh unto death & probably will not live but few days. I here had an interview with
Sister Gossett I felt quite ill while at Adnas were returned home & sister Gossett accompanied
us Br Dwight Webster was at fathers house he called to have an interview with me I was truly
glad to see him he tarried about three days & when he left he was more established in the
faith & determined to go forth & do his duty & honer the Priesthood which was conferred upon him 7m

27th Sept 1839 My Grand Mother Anna Thompson Died this day Aged 84 years

Sep. 27 1839

27-28" I still Continue at Fathers house was quite ill, I parted with Br Webster

29" Sunday I spent the day at Fathers I had an interview in the evening with Br Ozem Woodruff I was truly glad to see him, he was strong in the faith & determined to do the will of God & desirous to go to the Land of Zion he was expecting to work for Father several days

30 I wrote a letter to Phebe I spent the day at Fathers I had a light turn of the Ague to day

Oct 1st I spent the day at Fathers & wrote a letter to Elder John Taylor & Mr Waltz we had a number of friends in the evening called to see us viz Betsy Cossett, Jennett Stedman & among the Number was Mr Chauncy Hills

2d I wrote a letter to Philo Wining & one to Sister Hannah Woodruff & spent the time at fathers

3 I spent the day at Fathers I was blessed with the happy privilege of once more administering the ordinance of Baptism to one of my friends. I repaired to the water about the Setting of the accompanied by a few friends & I administered the ordinance of Baptism to Cousin BETSEY COSSETT Betsey Cossett in Farmington River I in the same Place where father & his household & other friends were baptised the year before

4th I spent the day at Fathers house. I walked in the evening to Jennett Steadmans & spent several hours in Conversation. Chauncy Hills is some delerious & it is feared that he will not live long & it is some feared also that the Storms of Adversity that are falling upon Mary Ann Hills will carry her to the grave soon, & while speaking of the afflictions of others I will return to ourselves SINCLAR. Mercy Thompson. Samuel Thompson Lot Thompson & Anna Thompson wife of Lot Thompson all of one family Died at 84 years of age.

Anna Hart Died Oct 4th 1839 Aged 43 Years

Uncle Anna Hart died this 4th Day of Oct 1839 Aged 43 years

Thus our relatives with whom we have been associated from our youth up are droping into eternity one after another But I thank GOD that there is power in the plan of Salvation to redeem men from the grave I was Baptised for Anna Hart on the 26 Aug 1844

Oct 5th 1839

Oct-5th 1839 I was called upon by my relatives to attend the funeral Sermon of Uncle Asha Hart
I had suffered with the chills + fever almost daily for about 15 days + to undertake to preach
a sermon in my weak state + to commence at the hour my ague was to come on required much
resolution confidence + faith. however I promised to do + gave out the appointment, It was a
chilly day I rode in Company with my Mother + Sister Eunice. 3 miles from Farmington to Asha
Harts house in Avon the neighbors soon began to assemble + I had an interview with many friends
that I had not seen before for a long time viz sister Hannah Woodruff Ezra Hart. Philo Viining
besides a large congregation of the Neighbors in the regions round about. Asha felt before
his death that he had not lived as he ought for the last few years of his life. but before his
death he felt to repent of all his sins, + said + felt that he was perfectly willing to die + his friends
felt a great evidence that it was well with him. After Singing + Prayer I arose at the same
hour that my ague was to come on + I addressed the assembly an hour or more with such
remarks as I thought the Subject required + dismissed the Congregation, I took the last
look of the Corps which was very pleasant + it was conveyed to the grave yard where my
Mother Grand father + many relatives were buried, + here Asha Harts body was committed to the
Tomb from the sight of many friends. I did not go to the grave myself but after Conversing
with Philo Viining upon the things of the kingdom of God and also hearing Sister Betsey Cornell
express her joy at having obeyed the Gospel + being baptized for the remission of Sins. I took the
parting hand with those friends + returned to fathers House in Farmington being very thankful to
the Lord for entirly deliverring me from the ague + fever this day notwithstanding I had been
so much exposed + I had no more of it for many days 6th

6 Sunday I spent the day at Fathers I had a pleasant walk with Sister Eunice in viewing the rivers + fields of
my youth &c

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Oct 7th 1839

Oct 7th I took the parting hand with father Mother & Sister & took the Stage to Hartford & went on board the Steamer Cleopatra for the City of New York at 2 o'clock P.M. & we arrived at the City N.Y. at 6 o'clock next morning the whole distance of the day 170 m

8th I Called at the Store of my Brother in Law. Mr Jas F. Carter 111 Bleecker st 11th Corner of wooster from thence to Br Richard Burdsall King st & to Br Wm Acker Charleton street No 66 I spent the day with Br Burge. I had an interview with Elders Mullener & Wright I was glad to see them 4 m

9th I visited Br James Pratts family in Wats st 69 I also visited Elder Jacob W. Hanks owner & Capt of Sloop Sea gul that plays Continually between New York & Singsing 4

10th I received a letter from Elder John Taylor I left the City of New York & took Steam boat Francisko for Singsing Sister Wandle & Eager accompanied me to Singsing we dined at the Inn of Mr Thomas Eager I had the Chills & fever & had kind attention shown me by the friends I Called upon Br John Boyce & spent the night distance of the day 36 mile

11 I spent the day with Br Boyce I had the Chill & fever I had a prayer meeting at Br Boyce

12th I visited Elder Hanks at his Sloop & then walked up a hard hill as Singsing is a hilly place & visited Br washburn & Br Cox had the chills & fever 2

13 Sunday I addressed in the fore part of the day had the Chills & fever in the Afternoon but met with the Saints in the evening & broke bread unto them. my mind is much interested these days in the gathering of the Jews for they are now fast fulfilling the scriptures by returning to Jerusalem

14th I walked down the Hill to Br Boyce & spent the day I again had the Chills & fever my mind was unusually impressed this morning about my family I pray the Lord to support them in all their trials Sickness or afflictions 13 m

15th I Spent the day at Br Boyce in reading the Church History of John Lawrence Mosheim D.D. I read all under the 4th Century during the reign of Constantine & also the first part of 2d century

Oct 16th 1839

16th I spent the day at Br Boyce. I missed my chills & fever
17th I spent the day reading History I am improving in health I have not had chills for three days
Sister Boyce has nourished me up much to my advantage
18th Spent the day at Br Boyce
19th I took the parting hand with the Saints in singsing. I went on board the Sloop Sarah at 9 o'clock & arived in New York at 11. for 3 hours on the way they tore the Sail against the bomb of a ship I had a pleasant conversation with Capt Hanks 36
20th I met with the Church in New York & spoke in the fore part of the day I felt thankful for the privilege of once more meeting with the Saints in the City, I met with them in the evening I had a pleasant interview with Elder Foster the presiding Elder of the branch
21st I called upon Br Silas H Cartan from thence I called upon Sister Ellen Graham in 4th Bowary-
I received a letter from Mrs Woodruff
22 I crossed the East River & Preached at night at the house of Elder Stones & spent the night
23rd I wrote a letter to Mrs Woodruff & spent the night with Elder Foster at Br Snider's Broom St
24 I was feable in body I spent the day at Sister Grahams !!! To my great joy I have just heard that Elder P P Pratt has just come to New York with his family & a number of the Twelve are expecting to be here soon
25 I had an interview with Br P P Pratt & also with Br Hiram Clark who arrived in the City today
26 I spent the day at Sister Grahams I wrote a letter to Sister Eunice & in the evening I attempted to visit Br Burge in King St 41 I walked from Bowary to Broadway & took stage to stop at King St but the driver did not understand me & he left me a mile from Br Burge & in walking to that place being weak in body I was flung into a great perspiration & I took a severe & dangerous cold which settled upon my lungs I spent the evening at Brother Burge Br Parley & a number of other Elders present
27th Sunday I attended meeting at the Greenwich Academy in King St 93 P P Pratt Preached three discourses during the day which was interesting

24 I spent Oct 28th 1839 the day for Brother McClains my Cough is still severe three men called in the evening one of which was lame to have Elder Pratt heal him that they might have a sign in order to believe the work of God, but a sign they did not get, I had an interview with Br Lane, & spent the night at Br Albright 9th Ward St 2 m
29 I spent the day at Br Albrights. I sent a package to Ill us at his Store by Br Clark that was put into my hands by Br Parley from Phebe my Cold is still severe but the fever & ague appears to have left me.
30 I walked to Elder P P Pratts abiding place 109 Charlton St from thence to Br McClains, & I bus M Cortes, from thence to Br Burge 1st Ward St & made some arrangements with the brethren that were to ship for England on the morrow viz Elders Clark Wright & Mellenor & then to Br Albrights & spent the night 4 m
31 I wrote a letter to Br Luther Seamans & Sister Foss
NOV 1st II accompanied the above named brethren on board the Packet Ship Carolina Capt Smith bound for Liverpool. they took Steerage Passage and looked quite Comfortable, After committing these Beloved brethren unto God I took the Parting hand with them. It was expecting to go with them. but thought it wisdom to tarry untill more of the quorum of the Twelve arived so that we might hold a Conference in New York before we set Sail. May the Lord grant those Brethren a safe passage I Pray. I traviled over the City much during the day. Sister Pratt had a sick day with the Chills & fever, his two Children have it also 3 m
2d I wrote a letter to Br Nathaniel Thomas. I copied a short extract from A paper as follows. Moses Montifiers brother in law to Mr Rothchild lately visited Egypt & made three proposal to the Pacha of Egypt. 1st to establish a bank in Egypt with a Capitol of $10,000 000 dollars. 2d To Purchase lands in Syria for the Jews. 3d To make the path of the Jews Admitable through Syria & Palestine

Nov 3d 1839

3d Sunday I met with the Saints P P Pratt Preached during the day. the evening was spent in hearing from a Number of Elders by 2 1/2

4th I visited I E Carter Br Pratt & a number of friends. It is election to day 3

5th I left N York Crossed the South ferry to Brooklin & took the rail Car & went to Hempstead at which place the Car Stoped I walked two miles to the toll gate kept by Br Selah Strong I spent the night with Br Hyde. I had a fair view of the Country during the day on Long Island, the serface of the earth is very level resembling the Illinois prairies we had a hard Storm during the night. ~~I spent the day at~~ 23 miles

6th I spent the day at Br Hicks. I held a meeting at the School house in South Hempstead & spent the night at Benjamin Weymons 3 m

7. I spent the day at Br Thomas Whaley

8 I held a meeting in Hempstead at the Inn of Mr John Hallet & returned to Mr Whaley 6 m

I saw Mrs Woodruff in deep affliction in a dream at Montrose, I did not see Sarah Ann

9th I wrote a letter to Elder Milton Holmes & spent the day at Br Whaleys

10th Sunday I rode to Rockaway & Preached in the fore part of the day at Mrs D Motts & in the afternoon at the house of Lawrence Bond & in the evening again at Mrs D Motts

11th I spent the day at Mrs D Motts & in the evening I walked to Mr Jacob Brower 6 m & spent the night. A number of the family belonged to the Church I had a dream during the night & had an interview with Mrs Woodruff, but did not see Sarah Ann I travelled a distance with Judge Hyde in a hard storm in my dream. I also saw Br David Patten who was Martyred in Missouri

12th I walked to Mrs D Mott & spent the day in the evening I rode to Bani Wyckoff & preached at his house & returned to Mrs D Motts & spent the night 6

Nov 13th 1839

Nov 13th I took a walk this morning in the Rockway burying ground. I visited one grave eight rods in length in which was interred 125 bodies all at the same time & 30 at another making 155 in all. They lost their lives by being wrecked on Rockaway beach, by the Ship Mexico on the 1st day of January 1837 & were interred on this day I spent the day at widow D Potts's the Lord is again restoring my health unto me for which I feel thankful. Elder Orson Pratt had arrived in New York & came to me this day & spent the night with me

14th We visited Mr Brewers & Preached at night at the house of Mrs D Potts

15th We Preached at night to Mrs D Potts to a large Congregation

16th I walked with Elder Pratt from Rockway to John Pettets we took a boat & had a Sail to the main beach, we saw the wreck of a Ship that was flung upon the Shore. After returning Mr Pettit Conveyed me to Greenwich Pier where I spent the night & the 17th Sunday I Preached 3 times at Mr Reynolds & rode to Mr John Ackleys & spent the night I had an interview with Mr Edward Douglaster 12 3 in

18th Rode to New York with Mr Ackley I spent the evening at Br Pratts with a number of Elders Benjamin Winchester among the number also a man from England a member of Joanna Southcoat society, I received a letter from Eunice. Distance 23

19th CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. I had an interview in the morning with Elder James, & Albert Brown. I met in Conference with the Elders & Church according to Appointment & after spending the day in transacting such business as was necessary Elder James case was brought up. & tried for being high minded trying to usurp power & taking an unwise Course in Preaching he confessed his fault & was restored I spent the night at Br Albrights

20th I again set in Conference through the forenoon, in the afternoon Elder O Pratt & myself

left the Conference + in Company with Elder James we took the Steam boat monmouth
for Middletown at which place we landed, 30 miles we then took the Stage rode to Freehold
10 miles + spent the night
40 miles
21st We walked 4 miles + rode 4 to Br James Ivins from thence to New Egypt 7 miles + stoped
at Mr Thomas H arriving I Preached in the School house to a large Congregations from
Hosea 3d 2 last verses I spent the night at the house of Abram Vintice
23 miles
22d Elder Pratt + myself attended a debate in the Methodist meeting house. between Mr
Spear a methodist Preacher + Elder James it was the 5th Day of the debate + it closed I
rode 7 miles + spent the night with Br Ivins
7 miles
23d I rode 3 miles + held a meeting in the Cream Ridge School house + also in the evening
Elder O Pratt Preached + I followed him. I spent the night at the house of Mr James S
Lawrence the whole household were believing
3 miles
24th Sunday I held meeting at the School house, I wrote a lengthy letter to Mrs Woodruff and
enclosed $1. 50 cts, we had a severe Storm I spent the night at the house of Geo. Woodruff
25th I wrote A letter a letter to Sister Eunice. I Preached at the Cream Ridge Brick School
house at night + rode home with Br James Ivins + spent the night with him + his
26th I Preached at the brick School house + returned + spent the night with Br Ivins &c
27th I spent the evening preaching at the brick School house + spent the night with Elder
James at the house of Daniel Wilton. I had another attack of the Chills + fever
During the night, it was brought on by being very warm while Preaching + immediately
Chilled afterwards
4 miles
28th I spent the day at Mr Wiltons + the night. + I had a dream while upon my bed and
in my Dream I saw Mrs Woodruff + notwithstanding we rejoiced much at having an
interview with each other-yet our embraces were mixed with Sorrow for after-conversity

awhile about her domestic affairs I asked where Sarah Emma was (our own) child She Said
Weeping (Dead) She is dead We sorrowed a moment & I awoke, Pheba also said she had
not recieved my letters Is this dream true time must determin. This dream was a warning of
what was to come Sarah Emma Died 17th of July AD 1840
29th I spent the day & night with Br John Woodward reading a debate between a Universalist
& Prysbaterian
30th I in Company with Elder James I held a meeting at Mr George Myers
Dec 1st Sunday I Preached at the brick School house & Commened with the Church & rode
to Hornerstown & Elder James Baptised two. I spent the night at Mr Wm Woodward 5
2d I spent the day at Mr Woodwards & wrote a letter to Sister Betsey Cossett
3d A Stormy Day which I spent at Mr Woodwards walked to the School house at night
through the mud but no meeting returned to woodwards & spent the night 3m
4th Attended a meeting at the brick School house, Elder P P Pratt Preached to a large
congregation I spent the night at Br Samuel Mores 2 m
5th I wrote a letter to Elder JOHN HERRETT. And walked to New Egypt & preached
to a large Congregation & spent the night with Mr Abram Burtis 3
6 I walked to Hornerstown & spent the night with Br James Curtis 3
7th I wrote a letter to Br Dwight Webster I walked to the School house held a meeting
& Sunday I Preached at the School house. Rode to James Wills & spent the night 4 miles
9th I spent the day Conversing with Dr Ells
10. I spent the day in reading the researches and missionary labours among the Jews Mohomedans
& other Sects by the Rev Joseph Wolff during his travels between the years 1831 & 1834
which I found highly interesting

Dec 11th 1839

Dec 11th I took the parting hand with Elder James & James Burns & left at 11 o'clock A.M. rode 16 miles to Freehold I there took the Stage & rode to Middletown point 12 miles & then took Steam boat-wave to New York. I called upon Elder P P Pratt in Mott Street No 54, where I found him & Elder Ball, I walked to the Post Office where I obtained three two for myself & one for O. Pratt from his wife, who stated that my wife & child was were both getting better. One letter was from Sister Eunice Dated Dec 7th the other letter was from Elder Milton Holmes Nov 17th I found New York full of Soldiers preparing to go to the Albany war to fight-Some of the citizens of their own States, thus war & rumours of war are heard. I attended meeting in the evening in Grand st in the Columbian Hall & heard a lecture from P P Pratt on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon & the origin of the American Indians 5 Smiles

12th I Mailed Papers to Father Woodruff & Carter & mrs Woodruff I attended a Conference in Mott st 54 at P P Pratts I In the Case of Elder Joseph Ball & on a number of accusations were brought against him, I spent the night at Br Symons, I saw Elds & Carter &

13th I wrote a letter to Mrs Woodruff & sent her 5 dollars. Elder Taylor also wrote to his wife. I again met in Conference at 1 o'clock at Elder Pratts, we had an interesting time in our Conference. Elder John Taylor has just arrived in New York I had an interview with him to day After Passing through a severe fit of sickness he was enabled to continue his Journey & has arived at the City And all the Twelve have had a sick hard time in getting along on their mission this season. Elder Taylor spent the night with me at Br Symons 3 Smiles

14th I wrote a letter to Sister Eunice, & answered an important question. Walked to Br Albrights & spent the night. however before retiring to rest I walked about 1½ miles in the City to see a large fire in Cedar street the first large fire I ever attended it Commenced in 45 Cedar street & Consumed it with all its Contents also 49 both of which were large 3 Buildings filled with Cotton & Dry goods the loss estimated at $300,000 dollars

Dec 15th 1839

Dec 15th Sunday I spent the day with the Saints in the Columbian Hall No 263 Grand St
Preached in the fore part of the day, & Elder Taylor Preached in the Afternoon, & PPPratt
Preached in the evening. I spent the night with Br Taylor at Br Holmes
16th I went on board the Packet-ship Oxford & engaged my Passage to Liverpool to
Sail on the 19th inst - I also wrote a letter to Father & Mother Carter I spent the
evening in making preparations for our departure 6m
17th I wrote a letter to Phebe, Containing a short address to Br & Sister Smoot
I attended a meeting at night at the house of Br Nisbet in Houston Street, we
had a spiritual meeting. PPPratt Prophesyed that the History of this mission of the
twelve should be known unto all Nations. I spent the night at Br Simons 2m
18th I laboured hard all day to prepare for our voyage, three of us got our baggage on
board viz Elders Taylor Turley & myself Elders Turley & myself slaped on board h

Dec 19th 1839 The Packet ship Oxford moved out into the Stream with us on board
& the day was spent amid the greatest confusion & bustle that I ever witnessed
for they had taken many more passengers than births to lodge in & the Cabin
was stuffed full of chests boxes barrels beds &c & many quarrelling for what they called
their rights
20th Bustle & confusion is not over the ship is still at anchor. At 12 oclock she spread her
canvass & set Sail assisted a few miles by a Steam Boat She sailed well through the day
The Oxford had on board 64 Steerage & 15 Cabin Passengers. Capt John Rathbone, 1st
Mate Yates, 2d Jones. 1 Carpenter: 26 Sailors, making 109 Souls in all. fare for Steerage $15
Cabin $140 including wines $120 without.

Dec. 21st 1839

21st A Stiff fair breeze but most all on board are Sea Sick. We See a Sail South of us she left N York the Time we did she is bound for London

22d Sunday most are still Sick a high wind through the day & a high gale at night Sea very rough & boat pitched badly

23d Sea very rough & winds high many still are sick our Cabin is Crouded & unholesome

24th The Sea Runs mountain High & looks like the hills & vallays of Kirtland. we shiped some heavy seas & got wet yet & sat upon deck untill late in the evening thought it was winter it was not very Cold

25th A Calm in the morning yet the ship rocked bad upon the dead swells. the wind soon rose & we sailed fast through the day & night

26th A Rough Sea & Strong breeze we sail fast

27th Fair wind sail fast but do not know how many not, had a number of short squalls we have got over our Sea Sickness & have good Appetite

28 A very rough Sea, most of the day we Saw a large School of porposes & Blackfish all around the Ship. we had a Calm in the evening

29 Sunday A Pleasant day & a high breeze

30th A rough Sea, A Severe gale at night the Ship rocked & pitched to such a degree it was with much difficulty that we kept our births, trunks Boxes & barrels were tumbling about the Cabin,

31st The last day of A D 1439. Sea Still very rough, under close reef top Sails Cloudy weather. there is not much to interest the mind on a Sea voyage while one is many days out of sight of land except the rolling billows which are majestic, A person is frequently not awuly out of sight of land but do not even see a sail or the Sun, but have to be Crouded to gather in a Steerage like hogs or stay upon deck in the mids of spray wind & storm. This day leaves me in the Centre of the Atlantic from N Y to Liverpool whole distance 3400 miles half the distance Sailed in Dec 1439 1900 miles

A Synopsis of the travels and labours of W. Woodruff in A.D. 1839

I travelled in ten of the United States and crossed one half the Atlantic making a distance of 4626 miles

I held thirty four meetings	34 Meetings
I attended the baptism of a number of persons, but did not baptize but one	1 Baptized
I Attended Seven Conferences	7. Conferences
I Attended eight Councils, with the first Presidency & Twelve	4. Councils
I Ordained three Elders	3. Elders
" " one Priest	1. Priest
I Administered to Sixteen sick persons by the laying on of hands, many were healed	16. Sick
I Wrote thirty five Letters	35. Letters
I Received six Letters	6. Letters
I recorded in this Journal one discourse from the Prophet Joseph to the Twelve.	1 Recorded
I Confirmed one	1. Confirmed
I Procured ten ~~five~~ subscribers for the messenger & advocate	10 Subscribers